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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 2, 1994

PROGRAM: Boreal Owls
by Dr. Ron Ryder, Professor of Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University

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December 1993 Field Trip Summary

December 4, Saturday (KAN)

Central Kansas: Lyon County State Lake, Marion Reservoir, Lyons City Cemetery, Quivira NWR. Leaders: Linda Vidal and Scott Seltman. Observers: Don Beltz, Mark Corder, Bob Dickson, Bob and Judy Miller, Diana Mullineaux, Mike Rader, Tom Shane, Jean Schulenberg, David Silverman, Amy Young. (Clear to cloudy; Wind variable 0 to 30 kph; -4 to 13°C). 288 km by car, 3 km on foot. 0800-1800. (60 species; 22,755 individuals) -- Birding was cancelled on December 5 due to high winds (>70 kph!)

December 5, Sunday (NDL)

Northwest Denver Lakes. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Sherry Chapman, Jim Hansmann, Alan and Dee Hay, Chuck Lowrie, Chuck Walters. (Clear; Wind N 0 to 64 kph; -1 to 5°C) 37 km by car, 0.4 km on foot. 0830-1300. (28 species; 2091 individuals)

See the highlight report on Page 42 for more information about the Christmas Bird Count.

December Tuesday Birders Trips

December 7. Crown Hill Park, Maple Grove Res, Coors Ponds, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Prospect Park. (CHP) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 Observers. (Sunny; Wind SE 4.8 to 40 kph; 5 to 10°C). 22.5 km by car, 0.8 km on foot. 0900-1230. (36 species; 3,160 individuals)

December 14. Boulder - Bobolink Trail, Sawhill and Walden Ponds, Valmont Reservoir, Rock Creek/Coal Ridge. (BBT) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 33 Observers. (Sunny; Wind W to E 0 to 4.8 kph; -1 to 11°C). 16 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0900-1300. (37 species; 648 individuals)

1993 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 18, Saturday, 0230-1710. Compiler: Dick Schottler. Feeder Coordinator: Patty Echelmeyer. Sky: Mostly clear. Temperature: -18 to 8°C. Wind: Variable, 0 to 16 kph. Snow Cover: 0 to 15". Fresh Water: Partly open. Wild Food Crop: Fair. Observers: 122 (76 in 27 parties, 46 at feeders). Total Party Hours: 220.6 (157.3 on foot, 63.3 by car). Total Party km: 1324.23 (173.88 on foot, 1150.35 by car). Total Count: 100 species; 30,304 individuals.

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Area 10. Lower Deer Creek (LDC): Elizabeth Willcockson, Lynn Willcockson.

Area 11. Upper Deer Creek (UDC): Doug Ward.

Area 12. Yegge Peak (YPK): Audrey Boag, Ann Bonnell, Else Van Erp, Tom Van Erp.

Area 13. Doublehead Mountain (DHM): David Laliberte, Linda Morrill, Frances Sperl.

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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 80 species was reported from the 2 scheduled field trips and 2 Tuesday Birder's trips in December, shown on Table 1 (Page 43). Table 2 (Pages 44-45) shows 35 otherwise unreported species seen on the Christmas Count. In addition, 11 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 126 species were reported to the DFO for the month of December, 1993.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contributors to the Thompson Marsh Memorial Fund in 1993:

Virginia Bleck
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We are sorry to report that *The Lark Bunting* has received word of the death of long-time DFO member Eva Turnquist. She had been a member since 1955.

Final notice for 1994 dues

Membership renewals not received by February 28, 1994 will result in deletion from the mailing list.

From April 29 to May 8, Bob Righter will be leading the third DFO Southeastern Arizona Bird Trip. Ten days of sheer bliss await the participants as we bird all the hot spots of the region. All expenses shared. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529) for more information, lists of birds seen on previous trips, etc. Participation is limited to 8 birders.

Thanks to Contributors to the Colorado Bird Report in December:

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1993 Christmas Bird Count Highlights

by Dick Schottler

The 1993 Denver Christmas Bird Count was the 40th consecutive count conducted by the Denver Field Ornithologists and its predecessor, the Colorado Bird Club, in the same count circle. The 15-mile diameter count circle, which is centered just north of the entrance to the old Ken Caryl Ranch, was established in 1954. In 1954, 33 observers counted 11,586 individuals of 80 species. In 1993, 122 observers and feeder watchers counted 30,304 individuals of 100 species. It is interesting to compare numbers of this year's 3 most numerous species with those of the same species 40 years ago: Canada Goose, 12,917 in 1993, 156 in 1954; European Starling, 2,422 in 1993, 96 in 1954; House Finch, 1,553 in 1993, 160 in 1954. One new species was added to the count list this year bringing the total number of species recorded over the 40-year span to 174.

The species added to the count list this year was a Northern Saw-Whet Owl well heard (but not seen) by Doug Ward in Area 11, Upper Deer Creek. Other species recorded on the 1993 count that had been recorded on only a few previous counts were Black-crowned Night-Heron and Oldsquaw. Black-crowned Night-Herons had been seen on only four previous counts. The species, first recorded in 1985, has been seen on the last three counts in a row (1991, 1992, & 1993). It would appear that it is becoming an "expected" bird along the Platte River in the count circle; this year the herons were seen in Areas 4A and 4B. The Oldsquaw, spotted in Area 3, had been recorded on only five previous counts, the last in 1991.

New maximum numbers were established for 8 species in 1993. These were: Bufflehead (176, previous high 83 in 1986); Bald Eagle (10, previous high 5 on 3 different counts); Red-tailed Hawk (74, previous high 64 in 1988); Golden Eagle (17, previous high 15 in 1991); Wild Turkey (125, previous high 75 in 1992); Scrub Jay (185, previous high 156 in 1992); Black-capped Chickadee (857, previous high 685 in 1990); and Red-breasted Nuthatch (301, previous high 273 in 1990). Two additional species tied previous record numbers: Canyon Wren (18 ties high established in 1958) and Swamp Sparrow (5 ties high established in 1989). Another two species were seen in the largest numbers in many years: Canvasback (31 is highest count since 1966) and Ruddy Duck (13 is highest count since 1962).

Even though it is difficult to get accurate count numbers of eagles because of their tendency to range over large areas during a day's time, it is evident that numbers of both species wintering along the Front Range have increased in recent years.

Numbers of two species were the lowest recorded in more than 20 years. These were Cassin's Finch (5, the lowest since 1971) and Evening Grosbeak (6, the lowest since 1969). It is also interesting to note that only 64 Pine Siskins were seen this year, compared with 635 in 1992, a drop of 90 percent.

The ten most numerous species on the 1993 count were:

- 1) Canada Goose (12,917)
- 2) European Starling (2,422)
- 3) House Finch (1,553)
- 4) Mallard (1,482)
- 5) Dark-eyed Junco (1,382)
- 6) Black-capped Chickadee (857)
- 7) House Sparrow (843)
- 8) Black-billed Magpie (795)
- 9) Rock Dove (725)
- 10) Red-winged Blackbird (541)

The Area 3 (Bow Mar/Marston) party led by Mort Staatz, with Tina Jones, Dianne Koshak, and Joe Roller as observers, tallied the most species on the 1993 count with 51, and area 4A (Ed Holub, leader) again produced the highest number of individuals (3,416).

As Compiler of the Denver Christmas Bird Count, I want to say thanks to all of the field observers and feeder watchers for participating in the count. I want to say a special thanks to all the Area Leaders whose efforts made the 1993 Christmas Bird Count a success. Because of you volunteering for this job, all 24 areas in the circle were counted for the first time since 1986.

Jack Reddall Writes Article for *Winging It*

DFO member and noted birder Jack Reddall recently wrote an excellent article on finding birds at Bonny State Recreation Area and South Republican State Wildlife Area, published in the December, 1993, issue of *Winging It*, the newsletter of the American Birding Association. The article is entitled "Spring Migration on Colorado's Plains", but would be quite useful throughout the year. Back issues including the one with this most instructive article may be available by calling 800 835-2473.

Table 1, December Field Trips

	4	5	7	14
	KAN	NDL	CHP	BBT
Pied-billed Grebe	5		3	2
Horned Grebe		1		
Western Grebe		1		
Double-crested Cormorant	2			
Great Blue Heron	2		1	3
Greater White-fronted Goose	3000			
Snow Goose - white morph	1500			
Snow Goose - "Blue" morph	100			
Ross' Goose	3			
Canada Goose	10000	1100	2400	190
Wood Duck			2m2f	
Green-winged Teal			2	2
Mallard	2150	55	73	31
Northern Pintail				6
Northern Shoveler	12	220	27	
Gadwall		2	8	
American Wigeon			17	
Canvasback				2
Redhead	1	4	1	
Ring-necked Duck		10	2	4
Lesser Scaup		6	2	
Common Goldeneye	65	25	31	3
Bufflehead	1	10	18	
Hooded Merganser		12	12	8
Common Merganser	10	215	143	2
Red-breasted Merganser			5	
Bald Eagle	6			4
Northern Harrier	100			
Cooper's Hawk	1			
Red-tailed Hawk	50			4
dark morph		1		
Ferruginous Hawk	1			6
Rough-legged Hawk	2			
Golden Eagle				4
American Kestrel	20	1	2	2
Merlin	1			
Prairie Falcon	1			
Ring-necked Pheasant	15			
Greater Prairie-Chicken	12			
Virginia Rail				2
American Coot				15
Sandhill Crane	3000			
Killdeer	5			

	4	5	7	14
	KAN	NDL	CHP	BBT
Bonaparte's Gull	150			
Ring-billed Gull	50	210	92	100
Herring Gull	1		1	
Rock Dove	20	65	100	1
Eastern Screech-Owl			1	
Great Horned Owl	3			
Belted Kingfisher		1		1
Downy Woodpecker	2		1f	1
Northern Flicker	5		6	6
"Red-shafted" race		3		
Horned Lark	50			12
Blue Jay	5		1	
Black-billed Magpie	2	10	42	8
American Crow	100	20	10	3
Black-capped Chickadee	5	1	2	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10			
Brown Creeper				1
Sedge Wren	1			
Marsh Wren	8			
Golden-crowned Kinglet	15			
Mountain Bluebird	17			
American Robin	10	1	4	2
Cedar Waxwing	10			
Northern Shrike				2
European Starling	1000	85	125	145
"Myrtle" Warbler	2			
Northern Cardinal	5			
American Tree Sparrow	500	1		6
Song Sparrow	10		3	20
Swamp Sparrow	2			
White-crowned Sparrow	2	18	5	11
Harris Sparrow	20			
Dark-eyed Junco	50		2	
Lapland Longspur	70			
Smith's Longspur	30			
Great-tailed Grackle	200			
Red-winged Blackbird				10
Brown-headed Cowbird	320			
House Finch	10	1	9	13
American Goldfinch	5		3	
House Sparrow		12	2	10
TOTAL SPECIES	61	28	36	37
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	22755	2091	3160	648

Table 2, 1993 Denver Christmas Bird Count

	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CHA	USP	LDC
Common Loon											1		
Pied-Billed Grebe				6		3					2		
Horned Grebe				2									
Western Grebe				1									
Great Blue Heron		1			3	14		1	1	4			
Black-Crowned Night-Heron					1	2							
Snow Goose					1								
Canada Goose		1212	270	1210	1750	1690	1101	350	97	64	400		350
Wood Duck				1	20								
Green-Winged Teal		4		1	18	49				5	6		
Mallard		159	280	235	222	275		56	12	36	17	33	
Northern Pintail		5		30	26	12					6		
Northern Shoveler			20	50	10								
Gadwall		9	6	6	15	26						4	
American Wigeon		10	4	4	7	37					1	20	
Canvasback				31									
Redhead				30		8					8		
Ring-Necked Duck				6	36	37							
Greater Scaup				1									
Lesser Scaup				26	8						4	3	
Oldsquaw				1									
Common Goldeneye		2	1	125	23	39	2		1	10	34	7	
Bufflehead				55	13	107					1		
Hooded Merganser		5		10	18	7					2		
Common Merganser				7	25	40			2	17	13		
Ruddy Duck				12							1		
Bald Eagle		1a		2i		1a1i			2a		1a		
Northern Harrier								2		1			
Sharp-Shinned Hawk				1	1								
Cooper's Hawk													
Northern Goshawk													1
Red-Tailed Hawk													
western races	1	3	5	3	2	3	6	2	9	7	1	2	2
"Harian's" race		1				1							
Ferruginous Hawk			2			1	1		1				1
Rough-Legged Hawk					1		5						
Golden Eagle	2a1i						2a					2a	2i
American Kestrel		1	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	2	1	1	
Merlin					1								
Prairie Falcon	1				1	1	1		1	1			
Blue Grouse													
Wild Turkey													
Virginia Rail								2	2	1			
American Coot				120	50	1					68		
Killdeer		1		1	5	6			6	3	3		
Common Snipe		2		4		1		3	3	10		1	
Ring-Billed Gull		62	1	135	55	10	1			3	10		
California Gull				1									
Herring Gull				27	1	4				1	8		
<i>Larus</i> species						32							
Rock Dove	12	151	58	2	67	41	106	7	17	1		23	13
Mourning Dove				1									
Great Horned Owl	1		1			1	3	7	2	4	2		1
Northern Pygmy-Owl													
Northern Saw-Whet Owl													
Belted Kingfisher		5	2	5	5	8		3	2	3	1	1	
Downy Woodpecker	1	3	2	3	4		3	8	2	5	1	2	1
Hairy Woodpecker									1	1			
Northern Flicker													
"Red-Shafted" race	8	27	4	19	23	9	8	23	16	29	5	21	4

Table 2, 1993 Denver Christmas Bird Count

	1	2	2A	3	4A	4B	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10
	RRP	LBC	BCP	BMM	LSP	LSP	HLD	PCK	MSP	MSP	CSR	USP	LDC
Horned Lark										22	8	2	18
Steller's Jay				5	6		2		1			4	7
Blue Jay	1	4										21	16
Scrub Jay	18												
Black-Billed Magpie	14	85	37	42	43	59	47	29	31	27	18	33	13
American Crow	7	13		5	10	4	6	7	5	4	1		41
Common Raven	5	4	5	1	1	2	3		2	4		5	
Black-Capped Chickadee	15	24	37	5	74	12	101	42	52	112	40	9	11
Mountain Chickadee	2	2		1									3
Bushtit	16						12						
Red-Breasted Nuthatch		2		2									4
White-Breasted Nuthatch	1								1	3			
Pygmy Nuthatch													2
Brown Creeper					4		1	3					1
Canyon Wren	7												
Marsh Wren								2					
American Dipper			2						3	12		4	
Golden-Crowned Kinglet													
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet			1			1							
Townsend's Solitaire	14	1	1				1	1	1	3		21	3
American Robin	9	186	1	19	108	23	1	1		3		17	9
Cedar Waxwing		5		5	53								
Northern Shrike	1							2		2	1	1	
European Starling	26	366	65	230	310	103	103	7	14	36	82	43	2
Yellow-Rumped Warbler													
"Audubon's" race					1	1							
Rufous-Sided Towhee	2					1			2			10	6
American Tree Sparrow	1		90			8	74	26	4	45	2	14	8
Song Sparrow	9	10	5	10	8	18	1	19	28	66	24	11	4
Lincoln's Sparrow													
Swamp Sparrow										5			
White-Throated Sparrow			1										
White-Crowned Sparrow		1	1		3	1	14			1	1	2	
Harris' Sparrow									1				
Dark-Eyed Junco				20		10		25		38		10	
"White-Winged" race	2												
"Slate-Colored" race		1	1		1	2		6	5	2	3	17	3
"Oregon" race	11	20	35	3	1	10	50	10	10	5	10	22	11
"Pink-Sided" race	13	6	10	4	30		18	4	26	27			
"Gray-Headed" race	15	1	1						4			12	9
Red-Winged Blackbird		7	46		9	6	88	25	80	41	7		59
Western Meadowlark													14
Gray-Crowned Rosy Finch													
"Rosy Finch" species													
Cassin's Finch													1
House Finch	27	121	43	115	126	24	138	32	35	57	20	1	7
Red Crossbill													
Pine Siskin													
American Goldfinch	2				5		5	4	1	9			
Evening Grosbeak													
House Sparrow		64	52	50	210	10	35					8	
TOTAL SPECIES	27	36	31	51	48	45	31	28	36	40	37	31	30
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	245	2587	1091	2692	3416	2765	1941	710	486	732	814	387	627

Table 2, 1993 Denver Christmas Bird Count

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Feeders		Grand
UDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	UBC	KCR	GGT	MWB	WCK	MLW	Plains	F-hills	Total
													1 Common Loon
													11 Pied-Billed Grebe
													2 Horned Grebe
								1					1 Western Grebe
													25 Great Blue Heron
													3 Black-Crowned Night-Heron
													1 Snow Goose
						26		75	964		3358		12917 Canada Goose
											22		43 Wood Duck
													83 Green-Winged Teal
					8			13	120		16		1482 Mallard
													79 Northern Pintail
													80 Northern Shoveler
													66 Gadwall
											3		86 American Wigeon
													31 Canvasback
													46 Redhead
													79 Ring-Necked Duck
													1 Greater Scaup
													41 Lesser Scaup
													1 Oldsquaw
													244 Common Goldeneye
													176 Bufflehead
													42 Hooded Merganser
													104 Common Merganser
				2i									13 Ruddy Duck
1						1		1		1	2		10 Bald Eagle
											1		3 Northern Harrier
													8 Sharp-Shinned Hawk
													1 Cooper's Hawk
	2		3	1		5		4	9	1	1		1 Northern Goshawk
													Red-Tailed Hawk
													72 western races
													2 "Harlan's" race
													8 Ferruginous Hawk
	1					1			2				9 Rough-Legged Hawk
						2a2i		1a	1a	1a			17 Golden Eagle
						1			2				20 American Kestrel
												1	2 Merlin
						1							7 Prairie Falcon
	90		35	1									1 Blue Grouse
													125 Wild Turkey
													5 Virginia Rail
													239 American Coot
													25 Killdeer
						4							28 Common Snipe
									27				304 Ring-Billed Gull
													1 California Gull
													41 Herring Gull
													32 Larus species
				16		29		32	14	4	111	21	725 Rock Dove
													1 Mourning Dove
													23 Great Horned Owl
		1		1						1			3 Northern Pygmy-Owl
1h													1 Northern Saw-Whet Owl
	1		1	8	1	4		2					37 Belted Kingfisher
	5		2	4			1	2		1	11	14	80 Downy Woodpecker
								1				10	25 Hairy Woodpecker
													Northern Flicker
		2	2	2	3	13		18	3	2	53	11	305 "Red-Shafted" race

Table 2, 1993 Denver Christmas Bird Count

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Feeders		Grand	
UDC	YPK		NTC	IHL		KCR		MWB	WCK	MLW	Plains	F-hills	Total	
15	26	30	15	13	22	5	29	6		5		57	30	Horned Lark
	1	4				5	1	7			56	12	243	Steller's Jay
	6			2	4	11	3	39	12	20	9	24	116	Blue Jay
5	8	9	10	14	5	15	1	43	42	5	131	29	185	Scrub Jay
													795	Black-Billed Magpie
5	9	109	35	53	4	6	2	29	6	3	47	103	514	American Crow
7	13	5	5	7	1	5	6	1	12	1			95	Common Raven
25	39	3	7	16	12	10	9	16	5	25	102	54	857	Black-Capped Chickadee
90	37	55	25	60	3		133	17	1	8		51	488	Mountain Chickadee
										10			38	Bushtit
60	73	32	30	8		1	60			5	2	22	301	Red-Breasted Nuthatch
3	10	2	2	9		3	19			4		20	77	White-Breasted Nuthatch
3	40	45	10	40			109	29		25		28	331	Pygmy Nuthatch
8	3	3	7	12		1	4			1			48	Brown Creeper
3						6			2				18	Canyon Wren
								1					2	Marsh Wren
			4	3	1						1		22	American Dipper
													9	Golden-Crowned Kinglet
													2	Ruby-Crowned Kinglet
9	14	2	10	15	3	12	12	11	8	7		2	151	Townsend's Solitaire
3	4		1	7		12	5	21	2	3	73	5	513	American Robin
											12		75	Cedar Waxwing
1	1					1		1	2				13	Northern Shrike
	42	1	15	45	6	141		80	292		386	27	2422	European Starling
														Yellow-Rumped Warbler
						5				4	7	2	2	"Audubon's" race
						2							39	Rufous-Sided Towhee
													276	American Tree Sparrow
								3					218	Song Sparrow
												1	1	Lincoln's Sparrow
													5	Swamp Sparrow
	1										34	1	1	White-Throated Sparrow
													60	White-Crowned Sparrow
	25	28	5	20			10	78	13	8	87		1	Harris' Sparrow
													377	Dark-Eyed Junco
	1			4			1				5	2	15	"White-Winged" race
	6	4	3		3	5		11	5	2	60	22	162	"Slate-Colored" race
			10		10			10	2	1	50	65	346	"Oregon" race
	10	1		6	18		3			4	8	40	228	"Pink-Sided" race
2	25	2	1	25	35	26	1			15	31	49	254	"Gray-Headed" race
				115		1		20			37		541	Red-Winged Blackbird
													14	Western Meadowlark
3												20	20	Gray-Crowned Rosy Finch
													3	"Rosy Finch" species
								2				2	5	Cassin's Finch
	7	9	12	8	32	27		80	57	6	500	69	1553	House Finch
3	20	7					4						34	Red Crossbill
	2		10	1	4			2			22	23	64	Pine Siskin
		5		1	5	10		1			18	7	73	American Goldfinch
5												1	6	Evening Grosbeak
				5		10		5	2		357	35	843	House Sparrow
20	26	19	22	29	17	33	17	33	24	25	29	30	100	TOTAL SPECIES
253	523	359	259	500	170	418	438	664	1607	174	5614	833	30305	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1993 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-necked Grebe 12/11 through 12/15 (1aw) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson County TJ
Western Grebe 12/4 (11) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, LT, VT
Clark's Grebe 12/4 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, LT, VT
Ross' Goose 12/30 (1) Reservoir at 128th Avenue and Washington, Adams County DL
Greater Scaup 12/18 (1m) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson County TJ, JR, MS
Oldsquaw 12/4 through 12/10 (1fw) Cottonwood Park Pond, Parachute, Garfield County KP
12/18 (1) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson County TJ, JR, MS
Surf Scoter 12/4 (1am) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, LT, VT
Barrow's Goldeneye 12/11 (1m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
12/27 and 12/29 (1m) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County BoB
12/30 (1m) Sloan's Lake, Denver County DL
Hooded Merganser 12/30 (1m) Sloan's Lake, Denver County DL
Gyr Falcon 12/8 (1, dark phase) Greeley Gravel Ponds, North 35th Ave. & F St., Weld County KS, ME (F)
Wild Turkey 12/25 (30) South Platte River, downstream of Ovid, Sedgwick County DB
Dowitcher (probable Long-billed) 12/18 (1w) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County LM
Laughing Gull 12/13 through 12/16 (1, 1st year plumage) Cherry Ck SP, Arapahoe Co. BoB, JTB, LaB, mo
Thayer's Gull 12/12 (1, first winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BF, BP, LL
Eastern Screech-Owl 12/1, 12/15, and 12/28 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County DL, SC
Snowy Owl 12/20 (1i) Riverside Reservoir, Weld County DL, mo
Bewick's Wren 12/19 (2 + 6h) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP, LL
Winter Wren 12/19 (1) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP
Varied Thrush 12/23 and 12/30 (1m) Mines Park, Golden, Jefferson County GD
Golden-crowned Sparrow 12/31 (1) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson County BB, BoB
Lapland Longspur 12/31 (2) 5 mi. north of Riverside Reservoir on Weld Co Rd. 89, Weld County LaB

BB = Bill Brockner, BF = Bill Fink, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, DL = David Laliberte,
GD = Gerald Dunphy, JR = Joe Roller, JTB = Joe TenBrink, KP = Kim Potter, KS = Karleen Schofield, LaB = LeaAnn Brown,
LL = Lindsay Lilly, LM = Lee and Marilyn Rowe, LT = Laura Townsend, ME = Marlene Eggerling, MJ = Mark Janos, MS = Mort Staatz,
mo = many others, SC = Sherry Chapman, TJ = Tina Jones, VT = Van Truan

Abbreviations used: a = adult, f = female, F = form sent to records committee, i = immature, in = male, w = winter plumage

Learn how Tina has gotten a variety of songbirds as nesters, residents, and passers-by.

A class entitled "Birds and Berries: Landscaping for Wildlife" is to be offered by the Denver Botanic Gardens. Participants may sign up for one, two, or all three sessions. Class sessions are on Sundays from 1PM to 3:30PM. The following topics will be covered: January 30th - Garden Habitats and Solutions for Problem Predators; February 6th - Plants for Songbirds and Wildlife; and February 13th - Gardening for Hummingbirds, Plains to Foothills. Call the instructor, DFO member Tina Jones at 794-2647 for more information, or call the Denver Botanic Gardens at 370-8040 to register. A fee is required.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

February 5, Saturday. Boulder area including Valmont Reservoir. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 0745 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of US Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left; turn left again at next light; cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds). £

February 6, Sunday. Bear Creek - plains to mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 at east of Pancake House at Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of South Sheridan north of US 285 (Hampden). £

February 12, Saturday. Sedalia, Plum Creek, and Jarre Canyon. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0296). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on NW corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. £

February 13, Sunday. Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area. Leader: Karleen Schofield (936-8661). Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

February 19, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado. Leader: Joey Kellner (978-1748). Meet at 0700 at Colorado Division of Wildlife. Take I-25 to 58th Avenue, turn west to Broadway, turn right, go three blocks and cross railroad tracks, then turn right into parking lot. £

February 20, Sunday. Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 0830 at west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School (east of Yosemite on Union, then south and east to gate). Ø

February 26, Saturday. Hamilton Reservoir. Leader: Ron Ryder (1-482-8089). Carpool at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. Meet leader at 0830 at visitor's overlook on south side of Hamilton Reservoir (about 3 miles west of Exit 288 of I-25 north of Fort Collins). £

February 27, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Joe Roller (285-4476). Meet at 0800 at west gate of the park on South Wadsworth. Ø

£ = bring lunch, Ø = lunch optional

If you would be interested in a trip to the North Platte, Nebraska area in March to see Sandhill Cranes and waterfowl, please call Ruth Breckon (455-0970, evenings) or Jackie King (287-1644).

Field Trips Submitted By:
Mort Staatz (279-6169)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

DFO Wind Force Scale - Adapted from Beaufort Scale

Wind Speed		Scale	Wind Effects on Land	Description
mph	kph			
<1	<1.6	0	Smoke rises vertically	Calm
1-3	1.6-5	1	Wind direction seen by smoke, but vanes are still	Light Air
4-7	6-12	2	Breeze felt on face, leaves rustle, weather vanes move	Slight Breeze
8-12	13-19	3	Leaves and small twigs in motion and light flags extended	Gentle Breeze
13-18	20-29	4	Dust, dry leaves & loose paper raised; small branches move	Moderate Breeze
19-24	30-39	5	Small trees w/leaves start to sway; crested wavelets on lakes	Fresh Breeze
25-31	40-50	6	Large branches in motion; telephone wires whistle	Strong Breeze
32-38	51-61	7	Whole trees in motion; walking into wind difficult	Moderate Gale
39-46	62-74	8	Twigs break off; cars may veer on road	Fresh Gale
47-54	75-87	9	Some damage to wood fences and buildings	Strong Gale
55-63	88-101	10	Trees uprooted; considerable damage to houses	Whole Gale
64-72	102-115	11	Widespread damage	Near Hurricane
>73	>116	12	Extreme damage	Hurricane Force

Temperature Conversion Chart

°C		°F
40	—	104
35	—	95
30	—	86
25	—	77
20	—	68
15	—	59
10	—	50
5	—	41
0	—	32
-5	—	23
-10	—	14
-15	—	5
-20	—	-4
-25	—	-13
-30	—	-22

Cloud Cover Terms

Clear - less than 1/3 of the sky is cloud covered

Partly Cloudy - between 1/3 and 3/4 of the sky is cloud covered

Cloudy - more than 3/4 of the sky is cloud covered

Overcast - Sky completely covered with low clouds

To convert miles to kilometers or mph to kph, multiply by 1.6.



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MONTHLY REPORT OF FIELD OBSERVATIONS OF THE DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 2, 1994

PROGRAM: Spring at Cape May, New Jersey — From Horseshoe Crabs to Shorebirds
by DFO Member Tina Jones

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS NOW!!
THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS WILL BE PURGED THIS MONTH!!

January 1994 Field Trip Summary

January 8, Saturday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Mount Olivet Cemetery, and Coors Pond. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: George Armbrust, Raymond Davis, Jake Edge, Marlene Eggerling, Ron Lestina, Bob Myers, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Hal Rupp, Buzz Schaumberg, Carl Wells, Bryant Woods, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind W 0 to 8 kph; -4 to 10°C). 3.2 km by car, 3.2 km on foot. 0730-1430. (44 species; 1,000 individuals)

January 9, Sunday (LWG)

Lakes from Wheat Ridge to Golden, including Sloan's Lake and the Platte River at 64th and York. Leader: Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Betty Marsland, Mort Staatz. (Overcast; Light air; 6°C). 56.4 km by car. 0900-1230. (31 species; 2,016 individuals)

January 15, Saturday (PLR)

Platte River and ponds of Adams County. Leader: David Laliberte. Observers: Pat Wales-Bucknam, Dale Bucknam, Pat Connor, Ruth Davis, Ruth Deffenbaugh, Marlene Eggerling, Gail Evans, Sally and Tom Fouch, Betty and Stan Harwood,

Kathy and Gary Hughes, Dieter Kamm, Joyce Quigley, Karen Ratchen, Karleen Schofield, Evelyn Simpson, Frances Sperl, Mort Staatz, Bryant Woods, Amy Young. (Scattered clouds; Wind W 1 to 29 kph; -2 to 13°C). 70 km by car, 2.4 km on foot. 0800-1545. (45 species; 3,649 individuals)

January 16, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Jim Norton, Steve Segal. (Cloudy, flurries; Wind NW 0 to 15 kph; -2 to 4°C). 115.9 km by car, 1.6 km on foot. 0800-1300. (37 species; 1,511 individuals)

January 22, Saturday (BDR)

Boulder area, including foothills, feeders, Gregory Canyon, Baseline, Valmont and Boulder Reservoirs. Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster. Observers: George Armbrust, Jaymie Arnold, Marlene Eggerling, Fern Ford, Al and Dee Hay, Ed Holub, Donna and Roger Matson, Jane and Terry Owens, Nancy Pate, Paul and Verla Priest, Susan Ward, Amy Young. (Sunny; Wind 0 to 16 kph; 15 to 19°C). 40 km by car. 0930-1700. (44 species; 1,042 individuals)

More on next page

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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January 23, Sunday (USP)

South Platte River from Bear Creek to Florida.
Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Ursula Barsch,
Ruth Breckon, Dale Bucknam, Ruth Deffenbaugh,
Ginny and Tom Faxon, Jim and Kyle Hansmann,
Betty Marsland, Connie McDonald, Fran Papich,
Juliene Pimentel. (Clear; Wind SW 0 to 18 kph; -4
to 13°C). 19.3 km by car, 2.4 km on foot.
0830-1145. (21 species; 2,035 individuals)

January 29, Saturday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub.
Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling,
Kurt Hebner, David Laliberte, Stacy Lyon, John
McDonald, Colleen Marley, Myron and Suzi
Plooster, Chet Thompson. (Overcast, light snow;
Wind E 0 to 4.8 kph; -10 to 0°C). 56 km by car,
1.6 km on foot. 0730-1430. (33 species;
2,263 individuals)

January 30, Sunday No trip-inclement weather.

January Tuesday Birders Trips

January 11. Platte River at 88th Avenue. (PLA)
45 Observers. (Wind S 8 kph; -4 to 9°C).

6.4 km on foot. (33 species; 2,262 individuals)

January 18. South Platte River from Bowles
Avenue to Carson Nature Center. (SPR)
28 Observers. (Wind N 13 to 16 kph; 2 to 13°C).
4.8 km on foot. (34 species; 870 individuals)

January 25. Boulder area, including Coalton
Road, & McCaslin to Interlocken Industrial Park.
(BLA) 25 Observers. (Wind N 0 to 8 kph;
5 to 13°C). 32 km by car, 2.4 km on foot.
(28 species; 512 individuals)

NOTICE

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society has begun a project to study migratory birds and their habitats. Part of the "Birds in the Balance" program of the National Audubon Society, the goal is to analyze, protect, and enhance the habitat along Bear Creek from Summit Lake to Bear Creek Lake. Emphasis will be to map specific areas to be studied; inventory habitat types by plant communities, elevation, etc.; develop a list of birds using the Bear Creek area in all seasons; develop a historical account of human and avian activity along the Bear Creek corridor and educate the general public about habitat enhancement. All interested participants are invited. To find out how you can get involved, call Nancy Kanyuk at 697-9075 or Janell Herman at 674-6723.

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 82 species was reported from the 7 scheduled field trips and 3 Tuesday Birder's trips in January, shown on Table 1 (Pages 54-55). In addition, 41 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 123 species were reported to the DFO for the month of January, 1994.

The Tuesday Birders had good luck seeing ducks and falcons in January. The trip to the Platte River and 88th Avenue on the 11th garnered an Oldsquaw, a Barrow's Goldeneye, and a Peregrine Falcon. The trip to the South Platte at Bowles on the 18th netted a Eurasian Wigeon and a Prairie Falcon. On the 25th, the birders went to the Boulder area, where they saw a Merlin.

Included in this issue is an excellent article by Gail Evans, who has compiled information about some DFO members who saw over 300 species in Colorado or the US in 1993. Our organization is fortunate to have such accomplished birders as these, and we are also lucky to have Gail, who spent quite a bit of time working on the article. Thanks to all, and if you or anyone you know saw over 300 species in 1993, and were not included in the article, please let Gail know about you and your accomplishment, so that she can include you in an update.

Also included in this issue (Page 56) is a six-year compilation of the Denver (Urban) Christmas Bird Count, compiled by Hugh Kingery. Once again, Canada Goose was the most common, followed by Starling, Mallard, House Finch, Rock Dove, House Sparrow, and Ring-billed Gull, which all weighed in over 1,000 individuals. Highlights included Lesser Black-backed Gull, Brown Thrasher (at Gail Evans' feeder), 13 Long-eared Owls, 33 Ferruginous Hawks, and 396 American Robins. Seen for the first time on this count were Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and the Lesser Black-backed Gull and Brown Thrasher. The 80 species seen were second-highest in the 6 years of the count.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Percival, Colorado coordinator for the North American Migration Count, still needs county coordinators. So far, no one has volunteered for anywhere in northern Colorado.

If you are planning to go birding anywhere in northern Colorado on May 14th, please call Brandon (719 547-3722) as soon as possible.

Final notice for 1994 dues
Membership renewals not received by February 28, 1994 will result in deletion from the mailing list.

From April 29 to May 8, Bob Righter will be leading the third DFO Southeastern Arizona Bird Trip. Ten days of sheer bliss await the participants as we bird all the hot spots of the region. All expenses shared. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529) for more information, lists of birds seen on previous trips, etc. Participation is limited to 8 birders.

From Thursday, March 17, to Sunday, March 20, the Monte Vista Crane Festival will be held. This will be the 11th annual celebration of the return of the Greater Sandhill Cranes, which stage there for approximately one month every spring. There are many planned activities, including tours and workshops, and several exhibits to view. Among the speakers scheduled is Dr. Ron Ryder, who will discuss the unique water birds of the San Luis Valley. Certain events and tours require pre-registration (and all but one are free of charge), and some are known to fill up fast; so to get your registration form, write to:
Monte Vista Crane Festival
PO Box 585
Monte Vista, CO 81144
Sorry, no telephone number was supplied.

Thanks to Contributors to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert in January:

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Table 1, January Field Trips

DATE AREA COVERED	8 WGB	9 LWG	15 PLR	16 BLP	22 BDR	23 USP	29 RMA	11 PLA	18 SPR	25 BLA	DATE AREA COVERED
Pied-billed Grebe			1					5			Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe					1						Horned Grebe
Western Grebe					2						Western Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant					3						Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	1		1		3	10			1		Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron						5			4		Black-crowned Night-Heron
Snow Goose											Snow Goose
White morph			1i								White morph
"Blue" morph					1						"Blue" morph
Canada Goose	330	960	630	100	220	1025	1100	45	315	130	Canada Goose
Wood Duck	4	5						25	29		Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	20		50	12	2	17		245	210		Green-winged Teal
Mallard	100	190	86	40	190	213	14	415	14	32	Mallard
Northern Pintail			45	130	1			725			Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler	20	430	125	80	2	137					Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	8	2	48	35		19		110	12		Gadwall
Eurasian Wigeon									1		Eurasian Wigeon
American Wigeon	30	10	39	4		143		10	42		American Wigeon
Canvasback	1f	1	1								Canvasback
Redhead	18	8	1		20			2		2	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	50	6	150	30	2		5	100			Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	7	10	6	4				1			Lesser Scaup
Oldsquaw								1			Oldsquaw
Common Goldeneye	22	6	50	140	12	87	1	145	4	16	Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye								1			Barrow's Goldeneye
Bufflehead	1f	1	12	24				20	11		Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser	8	10	2		3	6		7	4		Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser	11	9	61		70	5			5		Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser	10	8									Red-breasted Merganser
Bald Eagle			8	1a	5a2i		8			4a3i	Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier				1			1			1f	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1m1i						1				Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk									1		Cooper's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk			6	6	5			2	2	4	Red-tailed Hawk
western races							3				western races
"Harlan's" race		1									"Harlan's" race
Ferruginous Hawk			9	4	4		3			11	Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk			1	3	2		2			1	Rough-legged Hawk
<i>Buteo</i> species			3								<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle				2a			2			2a1i	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	2	1	2	2m1f	3			3	1	5	American Kestrel
Merlin										1	Merlin
Peregrine Falcon								1			Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon									1		Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant			2m10				7				Ring-necked Pheasant
Wild Turkey					25						Wild Turkey
Virginia Rail	2										Virginia Rail
American Coot	3	5	3	6	40		3	10			American Coot

Table 1, January Field Trips, continued

DATE	8	9	15	16	22	23	29	11	18	25	DATE
AREA COVERED	WGB	LWG	PLR	BLP	BDR	USP	RMA	PLA	SPR	BLA	AREA COVERED
Killdeer			3					2	4		Killdeer
Common Snipe								2			Common Snipe
Ring-billed Gull	150	170	185	50	120	186	200	330	91		Ring-billed Gull
California Gull			1					1			California Gull
Herring Gull	1	2			2	1					Herring Gull
Lesser Black-backed Gull		1a	1								Lesser Black-backed Gull
Rock Dove	16	100	11	40	25	61	9	21	15	40	Rock Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl	1										Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl							2			3	Great Horned Owl
Belted Kingfisher	2	1h	4	2		6		3	4		Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker			1		1		1				Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race	1										"Batchelder's" race
eastern races	1										eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker											Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mountain" race					1						"Rocky Mountain" race
Northern Flicker		3							4	1	Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	12		4	3	3	1	9				"Red-shafted" race
Horned Lark				360			200			20	Horned Lark
Steller's Jay					9						Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	2		1								Blue Jay
Black-Billed Magpie	40	10	6	65	20	5	75	3	23	14	Black-Billed Magpie
American Crow	3	2	1	6	25	10				2	American Crow
Common Raven					2				2	4	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	8	2	4	8	4	6	7	6	5	1	Black-capped Chickadee
White-breasted Nuthatch	1							1	1		White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch					3						Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper	1						1				Brown Creeper
American Dipper	3										American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet							3				Golden-crowned Kinglet
Townsend's Solitaire					2						Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin	3	4					8	2	12	1	American Robin
Northern Shrike			1i								Northern Shrike
European Starling	30	30	2013	55	102	85	85	4	39	170	European Starling
American Tree Sparrow	6				3		5			15	American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow	6		1	2	1		8		1	4	Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow			1h	4					1		White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco					15				6		Dark-eyed Junco
"Slate-colored" race				4			1				"Slate-colored" race
"Oregon" race	3			2			4				"Oregon" race
"Pink-sided" race				8			50				"Pink-sided" race
Red-winged Blackbird	6	25	32	140	45		2	6	1	10	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark			1	2	1		3			1	Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird			1								Brewer's Blackbird
House Finch	12		1	90	25		260	6	1	3	House Finch
American Goldfinch	2			3	3						American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	40	3	35	30	12	7	180	3	3	10	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	44	31	45	37	44	21	32	33	34	28	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1000	2016	3649	1511	1042	2035	2263	2262	870	512	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Table 2, Denver (Urban) Christmas Bird Count Totals

	1/1 1994	1/1 1993	1/1 1992	1/1 1991	12/30 1989	1/2 1989
Pied-billed Grebe		4	2		1	2
American White Pelican		1				
Double-crested Cormorant	1		1	1		1
Great Blue Heron	3	7	3	1	9	4
Black-crowned Night-Heron	3	8	5	5	10	10
Greater White-fronted Goose			2			
Snow Goose	1	1				
Canada Goose	10353	8286	10367	12592	4046	13752
Wood Duck	30	49	21	14	18	13
Green-winged Teal	376	400	224	140	224	226
Mallard	2217	1627	2886	2190	1692	2720
Mallard x American Black Duck					1	
Northern Pintail	105	122	61	37	322	33
Northern Shoveler	881	1529	885	1883	734	796
Gadwall	623	502	383	215	189	206
American Wigeon	321	441	430	284	223	263
Canvasback	1	5	2	6	8	1
Redhead	12	46	41	14	10	1
Ring-necked Duck	193	389	99	513	213	27
Lesser Scaup	11	1	4	56	11	49
Common Goldeneye	135	261	216	452	216	302
Bufflehead	19	27	11	9	4	4
Hooded Merganser	14	25	21	28	26	20
Common Merganser	36	75	355	32	863	331
Unidentified duck		2			31	
Bald Eagle	16a9i	10a8i			1a1i	11a19i
Northern Harrier	10	3	1	7	7	16
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6	13	7	11	6	6
Cooper's Hawk	1	1	1	1		
Northern Goshawk			1			
Accipiter species	1					
Red-tailed Hawk	42	28	23	28	25	47
"Harlan's" race			1		2	
Ferruginous Hawk	33	36	23	61	48	93
Rough-legged Hawk	7	8	8	10	25	21
Buteo species	1	2	8	1	1	2
Golden Eagle	7			3	1	16
American Kestrel	27	27	30	38	18	36
Merlin	1	2	1	1	4	3
Prairie Falcon	1	2	1	1	4	2
Falco species	1			1		
Ring-necked Pheasant	32	27	38	7	17	108
Virginia Rail	11	3	10	1		4
American Coot	7	9	4	17	12	8
Killdeer	25	26	24	13	17	34
Common Snipe	1	4	15	13	18	15
Ring-billed Gull	1455	855	1166	1390	638	2373
California Gull	1		1			1
Glaucous Gull		1	1			
Herring Gull	25	65	80	37	47	38
Thayer's Gull		1	1	1		
Lesser Black-backed Gull						
Larus species	6	12	3	19		20
Rock Dove	1923	2424	2303	1750	2257	2695
Mourning Dove	17	16		1		

	1/1 1994	1/1 1993	1/1 1992	1/1 1991	12/30 1989	1/2 1989
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	1	1			1
Great Horned Owl	8	10	7	13	20	26
Long-eared Owl	13	7		4		3
Short-eared Owl						1
Unidentified owl					1	
Belted Kingfisher	22	15	14	12	10	27
Red-bellied Woodpecker			1			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1					
Downy Woodpecker	37	47	30	27	37	23
Hairy Woodpecker	2	2		2		1
Northern Flicker - Red-shafted	175	213	202	229	171	226
Northern Flicker - hybrid	1			1		
Horned Lark	123	369	428	406	89	167
Blue Jay	40	39	30	22	46	25
Scrub Jay					1	
Black-billed Magpie	849	1196	882	1060	814	821
American Crow	420	426	412	323	285	347
Common Raven	2	1			1	2
Black-capped Chickadee	206	185	98	130	147	112
Mountain Chickadee	2		4	3	27	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	30	20		2	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	4		3		5	3
Brown Creeper	9	15	27	3	17	7
Winter Wren			1			
Marsh Wren	1	1	1			1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	12	7	5	5		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		1	2			
American Dipper				4	1	1
Townsend's Solitaire	9	3	13	11	2	
American Robin	396	243	377	371	237	675
Brown Thrasher	1					
Sage Thrasher						1
Cedar Waxwing	4	20	50	30		
Northern Shrike	1	2	3	2	3	7
European Starling	4296	5656	8202	5580	3702	5682
Yellow-rumped Warbler				2	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	1	1			
American Tree Sparrow	80	159	231	181	281	186
Field Sparrow						1
Song Sparrow	85	86	111	63	51	42
White-crowned Sparrow	61	133	65	64	62	43
Dark-eyed Junco	337	779	547	477	572	446
Red-winged Blackbird	240	360	369	775	1038	412
Western Meadowlark	15	23	85	14	52	124
Brewer's Blackbird	40	31	27	9	75	25
Common Grackle		1	1	1		
Cassin's Finch		1				
House Finch	1996	2262	1998	2128	1551	1304
Red Crossbill		24				
Pine Siskin	6	36	2		4	3
American Goldfinch	32	36	42	22	49	47
Evening Grosbeak						2
House Sparrow	1567	2034	2385	2498	2583	1998
TOTAL SPECIES	80	81	78	72	70 (+1)	76
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	30101	31845	36446	36357	23937	37131

The following article was submitted by DFO member Gail Evans. Many thanks to Gail for an excellent effort.

DFO's HOT-SHOT BIRDERS HAD A GOOD YEAR

A 1993 review by Gail Evans

No less than fifteen DFO members called me to report that they had seen and recorded 300 or more bird species in 1993. I want to thank them all for their very interesting information, and I hope that they will forgive me if I don't get it all down exactly right. [Ed. note - me, too!] I also encourage any others whose birding skills are only exceeded by their modesty to please get in touch with me, and I will include them in a future article.

ALLEN HAHN of Lafayette reported 310 species. He has been birding since 1973, and this was his biggest year ever. He wintered in Brownsville, Texas, in the heart of the Lower Rio Grande Valley (where the Clay-colored Robin eluded him), and spent the month of May along the Mississippi in Iowa. He recalled that his brightest memory of the year was watching a Peregrine Falcon hunting ducks on South Padre Island.

ED HOLUB, of Littleton, called to tell me that he had seen 312 species both in Colorado and during the course of his 1993 travels, which combined both business and birding. Trips to New England, Texas, and California enriched his avian experiences. Ed reached a birding milestone on April 27th, when he recorded his 500th life bird, a Canada Warbler, which he was fortunate to spot at High Island, on the upper gulf coast of Texas.

MIKE ROGERS, a DFO member who lives in the San Francisco Bay area of California has several relatives in Boulder. He listens to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert regularly so that he doesn't miss a thing when he comes to Colorado. He is also a member of the Santa Clara Audubon Society and reported 323 species seen in 1993. A once-in-a-lifetime experience for him was the sighting on a '93 pelagic trip of a Murphy's Petrel, a rare offshore vagrant along the coast of California.

NORM LEWIS of Lakewood also recorded 323 bird species from all over the US in '93. Birding trips to Arizona and Florida brightened his year, and he reported seeing, after much searching, a Mangrove Cuckoo and a Rose-throated Becard in the "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island off the SW coast of Florida.

PATTY ECHELMEYER, from Denver, reported 364 species. Her list was enhanced by trips to the Galveston area of Texas, Washington state, and the Canadian Northwest Territories. Near the end of August she went on one of Bob Righter's famous trips, this time to the maritime provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. She vividly remembered a Razorbill feeding alone in the surf and the odor of a whale's breath!

SUZI PLOOSTER of Boulder reported 381 species. Her year began with a life bird, an Oldsquaw, seen at 88th and the Platte River on New Year's Day. She recalled a Rusty Blackbird also, "an incredibly beautiful female in full winter plumage with every feather edged in gold." She also mentioned her very rewarding trip to the upper Texas Gulf Coast with leader Bob Righter in the spring where she was able to see 35 new birds.

JB HAYES of Littleton was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Texas, California, Wisconsin, and Alaska in 1993, and saw 422 species. Despite all that traveling, he named the Red-faced Warbler in our very own Wheat Ridge Greenbelt as his most memorable highlight. He also relished his opportunity to see a Pine Bunting, a rare vagrant from Asia, on Attu, the island at the very end of the Aleutian chain, off the west coast of Alaska. Attu, he told me, is a damp, spongy, inhospitable place, where all your food must be packed in with you. Because it is closer to Asia than North America, it is an enticing birding destination. However, it is only for hardy souls who revel in discomfort.

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WALLY AND JENNY KATE COLLINS who hang their hats in Boulder when they aren't traveling about the country in their motor home, had a wonderful birding year with Wally tallying 426 species and his wife, Jenny Kate, 405. They spent time in the Carolinas, in Maine, and in the Dry Tortugas. Additionally, both participated in a pelagic trip out of Delaware in August. They both specifically remembered a Red-footed Booby seen in the Tortugas, and Wally gloated over finally capturing his own personal nemesis, a bird he had been pursuing doggedly for years, which (after letting itself be seen by literally busloads of others) invariably timed its departure to coincide with Wally's arrival. This was the Snowy Owl which he finally found at Riverside Reservoir late in December, his 426th species of the year.

JACK REDDALL of Englewood also had a wonderful year blessed with lots of travel to birding destinations in both North America and in Mexico. He remembered especially seeing a Crescent-chested Warbler in SE Arizona on January 13th and three Bristle-thighed Curlew in Alaska in June. These were observed in Nome, but only after hours of exhausting hiking up a mountain and across tundra studded with treacherous pot-holes. Jack reported seeing 474 species in 1993, the highest number for any DFO member. A great feat, Jack. The rest of us only wish we could have been looking over your shoulder.

The following are DFO members who reported seeing 300 or more bird species WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO, and awe-inspiring accomplishment in any year, and one requiring indefatigable enthusiasm for birding, lots of time to spend in the field, some help from fellow birders, and a little luck thrown in.

JOE ROLLER of Golden reported seeing an even 300 species and said that this is the fourth year in a row he has seen 300 or more within the state. Looking back over the year, Joe recalled seeing a Black-billed Cuckoo at Tamarack Ranch in NE Colorado and a nesting Black Phoebe on the Western Slope, the latter while in the company of his frequent birding companion, Joe Himmel. His highlight of the year was a Spotted Owl which he found on July 31st while birding alone in the mountains of Fremont County. Don't ask him for details, he doesn't want the bird disturbed.

JOE HIMMEL, who lives in Greeley, called to report 303 species and said that although he has been birding for over forty years, 1993 was the first tie that he has bothered to tally his yearly sightings. Joe remembered how much he enjoyed his wonderful views of the immature Long-tailed Jaeger harassing the gulls on Union Reservoir in October as well as his discovery of a pair of adult Black Scoters on a gravel pond near Greeley in November.

BOB SPENCER of Golden also reported 303 species in 1993, and he especially thanked all his birding friends and fellow DFO members who helped him reach his personal goal. He said he would never forget the wonderful opportunity to observe the Red-faced Warbler up close in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, and the Long-billed Thrasher on Plum Creek at Chatfield in January. He also remembered watching two Common Ravens mobbing a Goshawk in the snow, another highlight of his year.

BRANDON PERCIVAL of Pueblo West called in with 316 species. This was his third 300-plus year in a row. In '91 when he was only 15/16 years old, he recorded 312 birds. He credited his birding uncle, Van Truan, as well as frequent companions Mark Janos and Sylvia Wheelock, with helping him reach such impressive numbers. An unexpected highlight for him was accidentally flushing a Flammulated Owl while birding alone near his family's cabin west of Lake Isabel and watching it for some time as it sat on a tree limb right in front of him in broad daylight.

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DUANE NELSON, of Golden, the redoubtable voice of the COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT, sponsored by the DFO, listed 318 species for '93. He said that he has topped 300 within the state every year since 1986. Before that, he didn't have a computer and didn't keep track of yearly in-state totals. Many of his bird observations came during the course of his Piping Plover studies conducted in SE Colorado every summer. He had many highlights for the year, but his favorite bird was the Red-faced Warbler because it was at once reported to the RARE BIRD ALERT and the information was immediately passed on by phone to almost all of the active birders in the DFO. This enabled nearly one hundred people to see this state record bird during the one day that it lingered in the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. He thanked everyone whose calls helped spread the word.

KARLEEN SCHOFIELD of Denver had a very big year in 1993. She found 342 bird species within the state, a mind-boggling achievement. To come up with this tremendous record, she was out in the field 245 days. Her busiest months were January with 112 species, and May with 93. Some of her favorite observations were of the Black-throated Blue Warbler, the Red-faced Warbler, the Little Blue Heron, and the Red Phalarope. She also discovered a juvenile Little Gull on the Platte River in October.

Karleen calls herself "far from an expert birder". She says; "I joined DFO in January 1991 and began keeping official records. Many thanks to DFO and CFO friends and to the RARE BIRD ALERT for helping me find 'the birds'. DFO field trips were especially important. Also my husband let me 'chase' as needed, so he was a great support." Thank YOU Karleen for always taking the time to call the RARE BIRD ALERT with your unusual observations and to send your additional sightings to the Lark Bunting each month so that others could benefit from your experiences.

As if all this were not enough, Karleen reported that she saw an additional 112 species in New Mexico and Texas, giving her a grand total of 454 birds for the year. Well Done!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Horned Grebe 1/1 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
 Double-crested Cormorant 1/8 (1) South Platte River at 64th and York, Adams County BP, SM
 1/13 (1) South Platte River between 64th and 74th, Adams County DL, FS
 Greater White-fronted Goose 1/6 & 1/7 (1, first winter plumage) Utah Park, Aurora, Arapahoe County DB
 1/14 (5) Valco Ponds, Cañon City, Fremont County BP, PS
 Snow Goose, "Blue" morph 1/13 & 1/14 (1) Valco Ponds, Cañon City, Fremont County BP, PS, SW
 Ross' Goose 1/29 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BF, BP
 Oldsquaw 1/8 (2f) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer County JK, JkR, WH
 Black Scoter 1/8 (1f) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer County JK, JkR, WH
 Barrow's Goldeneye 1/8 (1m, 1f) South Platte River at 88th Avenue, Adams County JK, JkR, WH
 1/14 (3m, 5f) Rifle Falls Hatchery, Garfield County NE
 Red-breasted Merganser 1/1 (1m, 1f) Hillcrest Reservoir, Boulder County AR, KR, MR
 1/29 (2m) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BF, BP
 Cooper's Hawk 1/23 & 1/30 (1a) Harmony Drive, Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
 Northern Goshawk 1/1, 1/21, & 1/30 (1a) Harmony Drive, Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
 1/31 (1) Kremmling, Grand County NE
 Red-shouldered Hawk 1/12, 1/13, & 1/29 (1a) Blende, Pueblo County BF, BP, JT, JR, KS, SW, TB, VZ
 Merlin 1/5 (1) Roggen, Weld County NE
 1/17 (1) Lakewood, Jefferson County NE
 "Richardson's" race 1/3 (1f) Weld County BR, NE
 1/3 (1m) Adams County BR, NE
 1/5 (1f) Platner, Washington County NE
 Columbarius 1/5 (1m) Vernon, Yuma County NE
 White-tailed Ptarmigan 1/15 (2w) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek County CW, JK, JkR, SS, WH
 Wild Turkey 1/9 (30) Crow Cutoff Road and Muddy Creek, Pueblo County AD
 1/29 (11) Arkansas River at 25th Lane, Blende, Pueblo County BF, BP, MJ, VZ
 Virginia Rail 1/2, at dusk (2) Cherry Creek Marsh, Arapahoe County DB
 1/19, at dawn (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt marsh, Jefferson County DB
 Lesser Black-backed Gull 1/2 (1aw) South Platte River at 64th Avenue, Adams County DL, KS
 1/8 (1aw) South Platte River at 64th Avenue, Adams County DL
 Great Black-backed Gull 1/29 (1, second winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BF, BP
 Mourning Dove 1/1 through 1/31 (since 10/28) (13) Gladiola Avenue, Golden, Jefferson County BS
 1/1 (6) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, MJ
 Snowy Owl 1/1 (1i) Riverside Reservoir, Weld County AR, KR, MR
 1/8 (1i) Riverside Reservoir, Weld County BP, SW
 Long-eared Owl 1/1 (1) Bonny SWA shelter belt, Yuma County DB
 1/5 (6) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County NE
 Lewis' Woodpecker 1/9 (1) Crow Cutoff Road and Muddy Creek, Pueblo County AD
 1/9 (5) Greenhorn Meadows Park, Colorado City, Pueblo County AD
 1/19 (1) 36th Lane, Vineland, Pueblo County BP

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Three-toed Woodpecker 1/15 (1m) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek County CW, JK, JkR, SS, WH
Pinyon Jay 1/22 (150+) Brush Hollow Reservoir, Fremont County BL
Mountain Chickadee 1/22 (1) North side of Lake Henry, Crowley County JK, WH
Bewick's Wren 1/1 (3) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, MJ
1/15 (3) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BL
Marsh Wren 1/14 (1) Cañon City Riverwalk, Fremont County BP, PS
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1/1 (1) Rock Canyon, below Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
1/23 (1f) Bear Creek, Morrison Road at Soda Creek Road, Jefferson County BoB
Brown Thrasher 1/1 through 1/31 (1) Powers Drive, Englewood, Jefferson County GE
Curve-billed Thrasher 1/13 (1) Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP, JR, TB
American Pipit 1/7 (1) Platte River at Bowles Avenue, Arapahoe County JK
1/30 (1) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP, LL
Bohemian Waxwing 1/27 (16+) Battlement Creek on Battlement Mesa, Garfield County KP (F)
Northern Cardinal 1/8 (1m) Julesburg rest stop shelter belt, Sedgwick County DB
Rufous-crowned Sparrow 1/22 (2) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County DB
Swamp Sparrow 1/1 (1) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, MJ
1/8 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan County JK, JkR, WH
White-throated Sparrow, "Tan" race 1/8 (1) Muir Springs, Morgan County JK, JkR, WH
White-throated Sparrow 1/27 (1) Arkansas River near Rock Canyon, Pueblo County DB
1/29 (1a) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BF, BP
Harris' Sparrow 1/28 (1i) Waterton Canyon, Jefferson County JK
1/29 (6i) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BF, BP
Lapland Longspur 1/8 (100+) Weld County Road 89, north of Riverside Reservoir, Weld County BP, SW
Red-winged Blackbird 1/2 (10,000+!) Holly, Prowers County BP, CW, MJ
Rusty Blackbird 1/1 (1m, 1f) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP, MJ
1/4 (1) South Platte tributary above Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County DB
1/30 (1m, 2f) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP, LL
Great-tailed Grackle 1/1 (8m, 1f) Near Jackson Lake SP, north of Goodrich, Morgan County AR, KR, MR
Common Grackle 1/2 (2) Hartman, Prowers County BP, CW, MJ
1/15 (2) End of Lane 25, Blende, Pueblo County BL
1/29 (2m, 1f) 24th Lane, Blende, Pueblo County BF, BP
Brown-headed Cowbird 1/2 (65) Holly, Prowers County BP, CW, MJ
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 1/8 (5) Ward, Boulder County AD
1/31 (100) Hot Sulphur Springs, Grand County NE
1/31 (25) Kremmling, Grand County NE
Black Rosy Finch 1/31 (2) Kremmling, Grand County NE
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 1/31 (10) Hot Sulphur Springs, Grand County NE
Pine Grosbeak 1/8 (2m, 3f) Ward, Boulder County AD
Common Redpoll 1/2 (1) Holly, Prowers County BP, CW, MJ

AR = Andrei Rogers, BF = Bill Fink, BL = Bob and LeaAnn Brown, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, BR = Bob Righter,
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Abbreviations used: a = adult, f = female, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

MARCH FIELD TRIPS

March 5, Saturday. Mount Falcon area. Leader: David Pantle (333-8352). Meet at 0730 east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center on east side of S. Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden) £

March 6, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leaders: Joe and Norma Kamby (421-5961). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake south of 44th Avenue near Robb Street. £ ☐

March 12, Saturday. Walking trip along the South Platte River from 64th to 88th Avenue. Leader: David Laliberte (267-2504). Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

March 13, Sunday. Boulder area. Leader: Ray Davis (1-303-823-5332). Carpool at 0745 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of US Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left; turn left again at next light; cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds). Ø ☐

March 19, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Interested participants must call leader in advance for details.

March 20, Sunday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Connie McDonald (795-7531). Meet at 0800 at west gate of park. Park Pass will be required. Ø ☐

March 25 through 27, Friday through Sunday. Sandhill Crane trip to North Platte, Nebraska. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Participants: call leader by March 18 to register or for details.

March 26, Saturday. Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Gardens. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. £

March 27, Sunday. Cherry Creek SRA. Leader: Walt Hackney (750-2823). Meet at 0730 at west gate of the SRA, east of Cherry Creek High School. East from Yosemite at Union, south and east to gate. Park Pass will be required. Ø ☐

£ = bring lunch, Ø = lunch optional, ☐ = half-day trip

Field Trips Submitted By:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
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MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A group of concerned citizens from around the Denver Metropolitan area have joined together to prevent the development of property bordering the entire eastern boundary of Roxborough State Park. The property, known as Southdowns at Roxborough, is scheduled for development early this year by US Home. In addition to US Home, there are approximately 90 private property owners in Southdowns. The Friends of Roxborough State Park are involved in discussions with all parties to find an equitable solution. Officials at all levels of government are being contacted to enlist support for acquiring the land and preserving it as open space. In the meantime, the Friends are raising money to purchase the land bordering the two-mile long access road leading into the park. To become a member of the Friends of Roxborough State Park, send a check for \$20.00 or more to:

Friends of Roxborough State Park
2000 East County Line Road, #C-111,
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

or call 972-1362 for more information and to learn other ways you can help. You may also send tax-deductible contributions to help the friends buy the land. To do so, make your check payable to RMNA Roxborough Land Fund. The Friends thank you.

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society is offering a weekend nature camp which is open to the public. The camp will be held at the Peaceful Valley Boy Scout Ranch, 1.7 miles south of Elbert, CO, in the Black Forest on May 28 and 29. Participants will be offered field trips and seminars in birds, wildflowers, insects, and other nature-related subjects. Both children and adult activities will be offered. The total cost of \$65.00 per person based on double occupancy includes meals and tents with cots for two days and one night, as well as all activities. For further information or brochure with registration form, call Abbey Hill at 674-4449.



THE LARK BUNTING

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 6, 1994

PROGRAM: Spring Migration on the Upper Texas Coast: DFO Trip with Bob Righter
by DFO member Suzi Plooster and friends

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

February 1994 Field Trip Summary

February 5, Saturday (BDR)
Boulder area, including Walden Ponds, Valmont Reservoir, Boulder Creek at 75th St, and residential areas. Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Caroline Burr, John Call, Arnold and Nelvina DeKam (Edgerton, MN), Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Gail Evans, Jim and Barbara Fay, Howard Frisch, Fern Ford, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Pearl Jordan, Bill Kaempfer, Steve Litz, Peter Lowen, Doris Maruna, Caroly Murray, John Myers, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Bob Spencer, Jackie Trowbridge, John Tumasonis. (Clear; Calm; 14 to 36°F/-10 to 5°C). 20 mi/33 km by car, 2 mi/3.2 km on foot. 0800-1400. (56 species; 865 individuals)

February 6, Saturday (BCP)
Bear Creek - Plains only. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observer: Ruth Deffenbaugh. (Partly sunny; Wind 4 to 7 mph/6.4 to 11.2 kph; 30 to 40°F/-1 to 5°C). 24 mi/38.4 km by car, 2 mi/3.2 km on foot. 0800-1200. (21 species; 133 individuals)

February 12, Sunday
Trip canceled - inclement weather

February 13, Sunday (ADC)
Adams County areas, including 88th Avenue & S. Platte River, Adams County Fairgrounds Wildlife Area, Morgan Smith Wildlife Area. Leader: Karleen Schofield. Observers: George Armbrust, Dale Bucknam, Pat Wales-Bucknam, Marlene Eggerling, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, David Laliberte, Peter Lowen, Steve Snyder. (Clear, sunny; Wind S 0 to 5 mph/0 to 8 kph; 24 to 55°F/-5 to 13°C). 50 mi/81 km by car, 3 mi/4.8 km on foot. 0800-1700. (43 species; 3,054 individuals)

February 19, Saturday (NEC)
Northeastern Colorado, including "Hawk Run" to Bijou Reservoir, Muir Springs, Riverside Reservoir, Jackson Reservoir. Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Bob Bierling, Jennifer Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Chris Blakeslee, Dale Bucknam, Pat Wales-Bucknam, David Christian, Arnold DeKam, Nelvina DeKam, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Walt Hackney, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Jack Reddall, Bob Spencer, Joyce Takamine. (Partly cloudy; Wind NE 5 to 15 mph/8 to 24 kph; 35 to 40°F/1 to 5°C). 210 mi/336 km by car, 1 mi/1.6 km on foot. 0710-1730. (51 species; 7,716 individuals)

More on next page

The *Lark Bunting* has been published monthly since October 1965 for members of the Denver Field Ornithologists, Zoology Department, Denver Museum of Natural History, 2001 Colorado Boulevard, Denver, CO 80205.

The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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Notices or announcements of classes, lectures, special field trips, etc. relating to birds that are intended for inclusion in the *Lark Bunting* should be received in the mail by the Editor no later than the 5th of the month of issue. The Editor reserves the right to accept or refuse and to edit the announcement(s).

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February 20, Sunday

(CCK)

Cherry Creek State Recreation Area. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Sherry Chapman, Warren Finch, Karleen Schofield, Mort Staatz, Joe TenBrink, Mark, Liz, Meaghan, and Tristan Waters. (Sunny; Wind 0 to 7.5 mph/ 0 to 12 kph; 29 to 49°F/-2 to 9°C). 6.25 mi/10 km by car, 2.5 mi/4 km on foot. 0830-1400. (29 species; 477 individuals)

February 26, Saturday

Hamilton Reservoir. Look for the results of this trip in next month's *Lark Bunting*.

February 27, Sunday

(CSP)

Chatfield Reservoir State Park. Leader: Joe Roller. Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, June Bachman, Barbara Boland, Sherry Chapman, Marlene Eggerling, Pearl Jordan, Maxine Litzo, Jim Norton, Steve Segal, Joe TenBrink, Earl and Carol Waibel, Eleanor White. (Partly cloudy; Wind N 10 mph/16 kph; no temp data). 20 mi/32 km by car, 3.5 mi/5.6 km on foot. 0800-1400. (36 species; 1,040 individuals)

February Tuesday Birders Trips

February 1. Platte River from Century Park to Ruby Hill & Overland Golf Course. (SPR) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 18 Observers. (Sunny; Wind N 0 to 5 mph/ 0 to 8 kph; 22 to 36°F/-5 to 3°C). 8 mi/12.8 km by car, 2 mi/3.2 km on foot. (32 species; 1,591 individuals)

February 8. Chatfield Arboretum. (CHA) Leader: Ann Bonnell. 14 Observers. (Light snow; Wind NE 0 to 5 mph/0 to 8 kph; 15°F/-9°C). 1 mi/1.6 km by car, 1.5 mi/2.4 km on foot. (14 species; 150 individuals)

February 15. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. (RMA) Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Urling Kingery. 50 Observers. (Sunny; Wind variable 5 to 10/8 to 16 kph; 35 to 53°F/2 to 12°C). 20 mi/32 km by car, 0 mi/0 km on foot. (20 species; 258 individuals)

February 22. Trip canceled - inclement weather.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 83 species was reported from the 6 scheduled field trips and 3 Tuesday Birder's trips in February, shown on Table 1 (Pages 66-67). In addition, 19 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 102 species were reported to the DFO for the month of February, 1994.

The Virginia Rails seen on the trip to Chatfield on the 27th were life birds for several of the observers. The group also got to see a Great Horned Owl on the nest.

Tina Jones had 20 Cedar Waxwings spend the night in her yard on the 26th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Boulder Bird Club invites DFO members to attend the annual spring program of the Boulder Bird Club on Friday, March 25, at 7:00 PM, at the Golden West Manor penthouse, 1055 Adams Circle, Boulder, CO. Steve Bouricius, well-known Colorado birder, will give a slide presentation on "Rocky Mountain Birds." Refreshments will follow. To reach Golden West Manor, take Baseline Road east from US 36 to 30th Street. Go north to Euclid and turn left (west) to Adams Circle. Use the east entrance and take the elevator to the penthouse. Park on the street or in the Christian Church parking lot west of the manor off the 28th Street frontage road. Please do not park in residents' marked spaces.

From April 29 to May 8, Bob Righter will be leading the third DFO Southeastern Arizona Bird Trip. Ten days of sheer bliss await the participants as we bird all the hot spots of the region. All expenses shared. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529) for more information, lists of birds seen on previous trips, etc. Participation is limited to 8 birders.

John Hale of the DFO and Denver Audubon Society needs help to census birds along the South Platte River in Denver on Thursday, April 28. He also needs help to count birds on a few other dates. The count takes three hours at the most. Please call 935-8475 if you can help.

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society has begun a project to study migratory birds and their habitats. Part of the "Birds in the Balance" program of the National Audubon Society, the goal is to analyze, protect, and enhance the habitat along Bear Creek from Summit Lake to Bear Creek Lake. Emphasis will be to map specific areas to be studied; inventory habitat types by plant communities, elevation, etc.; develop a list of birds using the Bear Creek area in all seasons; develop a historical account of human and avian activity along the Bear Creek corridor and educate the general public about habitat enhancement. All interested participants are invited. To find out how you can get involved, call Nancy Kanyuk at 697-9075 or Janell Herman at 674-6723.

Thanks to Contributors to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert in February:

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Also thanks to
Joe Roller
for his contribution in February to the
Thompson Marsh Memorial Fund

Table 1, February Field Trips

Scheduled DFO Trips							Tues. Birders			DATE AREA COVERED
DATE AREA COVERED	5 BDR	6 BCP	13 ADC	19 NEC	20 CCK	27 CSP	1 SPR	8 CHA	15 RMA	
Pied-billed Grebe	14		4							Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe	5				3					Horned Grebe
Western Grebe	6									Western Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant	5									Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	6	3		1	1		1			Great Blue Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1						3			Black-crowned Night-Heron
Snow Goose										Snow Goose
White morph				78						White morph
"Blue" morph				2						"Blue" morph
Canada Goose	120	40	432	600	70	80	756	88	150	Canada Goose
Wood Duck	3						2			Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	6	1	72	26	28	20	8			Green-winged Teal
Mallard	75	30	285	3500	60	20	115		25	Mallard
Northern Pintail	1		92	102	38	120	3		5	Northern Pintail
Cinnamon Teal			2	1m					2	Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	30		750	20			165			Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	14		105	1	15	4	45			Gadwall
American Wigeon	65		133			4	9			American Wigeon
Canvasback						1				Canvasback
Redhead	18					600				Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	7					6			6	Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	6		15			6	2			Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye	19	4	117	1m1f	2	1	26			Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead			19				12			Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser	2		2							Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser	85		21	9		6	19		3	Common Merganser
Red-Breasted Merganser	1									Red-Breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck			2							Ruddy Duck
Bald Eagle	2		1a3i	6a1i					6	Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier				1m2f	2	1			2	Northern Harrier
Cooper's Hawk		1								Cooper's Hawk
Red-Tailed Hawk			12				1		4	Red-Tailed Hawk
western races	1	1		8	2	9				western races
Ferruginous Hawk	1		4	1					8	Ferruginous Hawk
Rough-Legged Hawk				12L2d					4	Rough-Legged Hawk
Golden Eagle	1		1i	1i						Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	5	2	5	11	1	2		1		American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon				5						Prairie Falcon
Ring-Necked Pheasant				1						Ring-Necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail					8	4				Virginia Rail
American Coot	95		46		8	2	1		1	American Coot
Killdeer			11							Killdeer
Dunlin					1					Dunlin
Common Snipe		1		20			2			Common Snipe
Ring-Billed Gull	8	4	52	2	45	6	135			Ring-Billed Gull
Herring Gull	12		1	3	2		1			Herring Gull
Glaucous Gull	1a									Glaucous Gull
Rock Dove	25	4	58	11	5	12	110		10	Rock Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl	1									Eastern Screech-Owl
Great-Horned Owl			2	3	2	1n		5		Great-Horned Owl

Table 1, February Field Trips, continued

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DATE AREA COVERED	5 BDR	6 BCP	13 ADC	19 NEC	20 CCK	27 CSP	1 SPR	8 CHA	15 RMA	DATE AREA COVERED
Belted Kingfisher	4		4	1	1	8	4			Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker			1				1	2		Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race						7				"Batchelder's" race
eastern races	1			2m1f	2					eastern races
Northern Flicker							3	2		Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race				1						"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-Shafted" race	4	2	2	11	5	14				"Red-Shafted" race
Horned Lark			3	2200						Horned Lark
Blue Jay	4	1	1h	8						Blue Jay
Scrub Jay	1									Scrub Jay
Black-Billed Magpie	10	4	41	34	20	38	20	7	19	Black-Billed Magpie
American Crow	14	2	7	8		2	16	1		American Crow
Common Raven	1					2	1			Common Raven
Black-Capped Chickadee	5	6	11	14	12	16	5	4	1	Black-Capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee	3									Mountain Chickadee
White-Breasted Nuthatch	4	1				1				White-Breasted Nuthatch
Marsh Wren				1						Marsh Wren
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet	1									Ruby-Crowned Kinglet
Mountain Bluebird						6				Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire	4									Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin	5	1	2	43	13	27	3		1	American Robin
Northern Mockingbird				1						Northern Mockingbird
Northern Shrike				1						Northern Shrike
European Starling	80	15	350	200	28	40	110		6	European Starling
Scarlet Tanager	1mw									Scarlet Tanager
American Tree Sparrow	20		5	33	34	1		12	1	American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow	6		13	9	16	3	3	1		Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow			2							Swamp Sparrow
White-Throated Sparrow				2						White-Throated Sparrow
White-Crowned Sparrow				25						White-Crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race	2									"Gambel's" race
Dark-Eyed Junco							1	16		Dark-Eyed Junco
"Slate-Colored" race				1	1					"Slate-Colored" race
"Oregon" race	3			26	7	1				"Oregon" race
"Pink-Sided" race	4			15						"Pink-Sided" race
Lapland Longspur				41						Lapland Longspur
Red-Winged Blackbird	8	4	28	300	45	13			2	Red-Winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark			7	8		1				Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird				200						Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle				2						Common Grackle
House Finch	15	6	120	13				3	2	House Finch
Pine Siskin	4							3		Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch				3				3		American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	20		210	80			5	4		House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	56	21	43	51	29	36	32	14	20	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	865	133	3054	7716	477	1085	1591	150	258	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, d = dark phase, h = heard only, i = immature, L = light phase, m = male, n = on nest, w = winter plumage

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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The Denver Museum of Natural History is offering a class entitled "Colorado Bird Courtship and Nesting", to be taught by DFO's own Tina Jones. The class meets at the museum on April 19th and 26th (both are Tuesdays), and it covers the common Colorado nesting species. The class will also address the proper dimensions of bird houses and how to place them, as well as how to deter predators. Nests will be shown, including that of a Gila Woodpecker brought back from Arizona. To register or for more information, call the museum at 370-6303. A fee is required.

The following press release comes from the Colorado Urban Wildlife Partnership - -

Every morning all over the world, the sun rolls over the horizon, and the air fills with the sound of birds. The first Sunday in May, people worldwide flock together to enjoy the glorious heralding of the new day. The Colorado Urban Wildlife Partnership invites Coloradans to participate in this global event. The chorus begins at sunrise. Join others to share the experience at one of eight locations listed below, or open your bedroom window and listen to the songs of birds around your home.

Naturalists and birding experts will be at each of the locations to enhance your listening experience. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early to settle in for quiet listening by 6:00 AM. Make a occasion of it and bring a picnic breakfast (No eggs, please!) as an encore to the Dawn Chorus.

If you choose to listen from your home, we'd like to hear from you. Just call us at 303 538-6622 between the hours of 6:00 AM and noon on May 1, and tell us what birds you heard. The results will be compiled to help us learn more about Colorado's wondrous songbirds.

Group Gathering Locations:

Barr Lake State Park
13401 Picadilly Road
Brighton 659-6005

Roxborough State Park
4751 North Roxborough Drive
Littleton 973-3959

Ridgeway State Park
28555 Hwy 550
Ridgeway 626-5822

Walden Ponds
North of Valmont on 75th
Boulder 441-3950

Lory State Park
708 Lodgepole Drive
Bellvue 493-1623

Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWA
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Commerce City 289-0232

Colorado River State Park
Grand Junction
434-3388

Denver City Park
Meet at west entry of DMNH
331-4118

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Snow Goose, "blue" morph variant (Nat'l Geo. Guide) 2/11 (1) Boulder Co. Fairgrounds, Boulder Co. KS
 Ross' Goose 2/2 (1) Pond on Piceance Creek Road between miles 11 & 12, Rio Blanco County KP(F)
 Greater Scaup 2/26 (4m) Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP, VT
 Barrow's Goldeneye 2/10 (8f, 9m) Colorado River at Parachute Bridge, Garfield County KP
 2/10 (4f, 1m) Rifle Falls Fish Hatchery, Garfield County KP
 2/14 (2f, 1m) Bel-Aire Rearing Station, Buford, Rio Blanco County KP
 2/14 (8f, 7m) Pond on Piceance Creek Road between miles 11 & 12, Rio Blanco County KP
 Bald Eagle 2/22 (1a, 2i) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson County TJ
 Cooper's Hawk 2/6 and 2/27 (1a) Harmony Drive, Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
 Northern Goshawk 2/3 (1a) Harmony Drive, Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP
 2/26 (1) Bonny State Wildlife Area, Yuma County DB
 Thayer's Gull 2/19 (1FW) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
 Great Black-backed Gull 2/19 (1SW) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
 Mourning Dove 2/1 through 2/28 (2) 4430 Gladiola St., Golden, Jefferson County RS
 2/19 (2) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, MJ
 Northern Pygmy-Owl 2/23 (1) Reynolds Ranch Park, Jefferson County SC
 2/23 (1) Pine, Jefferson County SC
 Lewis' Woodpecker 2/26 (1) North of Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, VT
 Bewick's Wren 2/19 (1) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, MJ
 Gray Catbird 2/12 (1) Golden Pond, Longmont, Boulder County RS
 Northern Mockingbird 2/26 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, VT
 Brown Thrasher 2/1 through 2/28 (1) E. Powers Drive, Greenwood Village, Arapahoe County GE
 2/13 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County RS
 2/26 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, VT
 Curve-billed Thrasher 2/26 (2) North of Fowler, Crowley County BP, VT
 Cedar Waxwing 2/20 (20) Bow Mar Drive, Bow Mar, Jefferson County TJ
 2/26 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, VT
 Scarlet Tanager 2/5 (1iw) Boulder, Boulder County BP, VT, mo
 Rufous-sided Towhee, western form 2/26 through 3/1 (1) 1 mi. east of Baseline Res., Boulder County BJ
 Fox Sparrow, eastern race 2/26 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP
 White-throated Sparrow 2/19 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County BP, VT
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 2/5 (10) Chicago Creek Road, Clear Creek County BP, VT
 Brown-capped Rosy Finch 2/5 (40) Chicago Creek Road, Clear Creek County BP, VT
 Red Crossbill 2/5 (9) Chicago Creek Road, Clear Creek County BP, VT

BJ = Bob Jickling, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, GE = Gail Evans, KS = Karleen Schofield, MJ = Mark Janos, mo = many others, RS = Bob Spencer, SC = Sherry Chapman, TJ = Tina Jones, VT = Van Truan

Abbreviations used: a = adult, f = female, F = details provided, FW = first winter plumage, i = immature, m = male, SW = second winter plumage, w = winter plumage

APRIL FIELD TRIPS

April 2, Saturday. Cherry Creek State Park.
Leader: Steve Stachowiak (750-3422). Meet at 0600 at west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union, then south and east to gate. £ P

April 3, Sunday. Easter — no trip scheduled.

April 9, Saturday. Reynolds Park, Buffalo, Pine area. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on South Wadsworth, south of US 285 (Hampden). £

April 10, Sunday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.
Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake, south of West 44th Ave. near Robb Street. Ø

April 16, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park.
Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 0800 at Nature Center in park. Ø

April 17, Sunday. Bear Creek - Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House at Bear Valley Shopping Center, on east side of South Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden). Do not wear tennis shoes on this trip. £

April 23, Saturday. Northeast Colorado, including Muir Springs and various reservoirs. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 0600 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

April 24, Sunday. Northwest Denver Lakes. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet leader at 0830 at northwest corner of Sloan's Lake at Sheridan and 25th Street. Ø

April 30, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet leader at 0630 at west gate of park on South Wadsworth. Ø P

May 1, Sunday. White Ranch Open Space Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 0600 at Park-and-Ride on Ward Road just north of I-70. Displaying Blue Grouse possible. Uphill hike. □ Ø

£ = bring lunch, Ø = lunch optional, □ = half-day trip,
P = Park Pass required

Field Trips Submitted By:
Mort Staatz (279-6169)
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT

The North American Migration Count will be held this year on May 14. So far, a total of 12 Colorado counties are represented. If your county is not one of them, and you want to be the county coordinator, please call Brandon Percival at (719) 547-3722. The county coordinator will compile the list of all groups birding that day, and complete a form listing the birds seen. If you would like to participate, please call your county coordinator or Brandon Percival. The county coordinators are as follows:

Alamosa: John Rawinski (719) 852-3830
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Rio Grande: John Rawinski (719) 852-3830
Weld: Jo Ann Kozan (303) 356-2698
Yuma: Counted by the DMNH field trip

Since this is also the day of the DFO Spring Count, leaders can send their reports, as usual, to the editor of the Lark Bunting for compilation. In order for proper recording, the reports should be broken down by county.



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 4, 1994

PROGRAM: Members' Slide Show

Please call David Pantle at 333-8352 if you are interested in showing slides

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

(Mostly) March 1994 Field Trip Summary

February 26, Saturday (HRG)
Hamilton Reservoir. Leaders: Ron Ryder and Dave Leatherman. Observers: George Armbrust, Beverly Baker, Bob and Oveta DeBoer, Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Marlene Eggerling, Warren Finch, Alan and Dee Hay, Joe Himmel, Jan and Tayla Jorgenson, Tim Kuesel, Angela Martin, Larry Mason, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Kim Potter, David, Elizabeth, and Gilbert Sanchez, Bob Spencer, Francie Sperl. (Partly cloudy to clear; Calm; 25° to 40°F). 17 mi/27.37km by car, 0.5 mi/0.8 km on foot. 0830-1330. (35 species; 3,654 individuals)

March 5, Saturday (MFP)
Mount Falcon Park, Willow Springs Road. Leader: David Pantle. Observers: Dale Bucknam, Marlene Eggerling, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Peter Lowen, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz, Pat Wales, Amy Young. (Clear; Calm; 40° to 60°F). 10 mi/16km by car, 3 mi/4.8 km on foot. 0745-1245. (26 species; 166 individuals)

March 6, Sunday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Coors Pond, Mount Olivet Cemetery. Leaders: Joe and Norma Kamby.

Observers: John and Mary Jane Black, Dale and Pat Bucknam, Pearl Jordan, Jim Norton, Chuck Walters. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind N 0 to 9.3 mph/0 to 15 kph; 32° to 50°F/0° to 10°C). 8 mi/13 km by car, 3 mi/5 km on foot. 0730-1300. (40 species; 735 individuals)

March 12, Saturday (SPR)
South Platte River at 64th, 68th, 74th, 78th, and 88th Avenues, and 128th and Huron. Leader: David Laliberte. Observers: Tadas V. Birutis (Chicago), Dale Bucknam, Ed Holub, Karleen Schofield, Pat Wales-Bucknam. (Overcast then clear, some rain and snow; Wind NE 0 to 12 mph/0 to 19 kph; 34° to 47°F/2° to 8°C). 41.5 mi/66.4 km by car, 3 mi/4.8 on foot. 0830-1530. (36 species; 1,413 individuals)

March 13, Sunday (BDR)
Boulder area, including Baseline Reservoir. Leader: Raymond Davis. Observers: Kitty Albee, Dale Bucknam, Gail Campbell, Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Warren Finch, Myriam Friggens, D.W. King, Chuck Lowrie, Margie Mills, Jim Norton, Myron Plooster, Jerry Robinson, Karleen Schofield. (Clear; Calm to light air; 66°F/20°C). 16.25 mi/26 km by car, 1.5 mi/2.5 km on foot. 0830-1330. (37 species; 307 individuals)

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March 19, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leaders: Ed Holub, Warren Howard. Observers: Dale and Pat Bucknam, Barbara Boland, Jean Frazier, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Liz Kreider, Dave Laliberte, Peter Lowen, Colleen Marley, Chet Thompson. (Mostly sunny; Wind S 0 to 1 mph/0 to 1.6 kph; 45° to 74°F/7° to 24°C). 38 mi/60.8 km by car, 1 mi/1.6 km on foot. 0730-1445. (40 species; 1,482 individuals)

March 20, Sunday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park. Leader: Connie McDonald. Observers: Ursula Barsch, D. Carter, Warren Finch, M. Ihrig, Ron Lestina, B. Myers, J. Pimentel. (Overcast, rain/snow; Wind N-NW 18.75 to 24mph/30 to 39 kph; 37° to 50°F/5° to 10°C). 2 mi/3.2 km by car, 0.75mi/1 km on foot. 0810-1140. (20 species; 174 individuals)

March 25 - 27, Friday to Sunday (NEB)
Nebraska - Platte River and Lake McConaghy. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Richard Cookingham, Myriam Friggens, Patty Hodgins, JoAnne Kyhl, Maxine Litzo, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind NW 25 to 45 mph/40.25 to 70.5 kph; 24° to 49°F/-4° to 10°C). 923 mi/1486 km by car, 2 mi/3.2 km on foot. 32.5 hours birding. (58 species; 27,475 individuals)

March 26, Saturday (CRD)
Cherokee Ranch and Daniels Park. Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Barbara Boland, Chuck Lowry, Alberta Nelson. (Mostly cloudy; Wind NW 0 to 3 mph/0 to 4.8 kph; 45° to 55°F/7° to 13°C). 80 mi/128.8 km by car, 0.5 mi/0.8 km on foot. 0745-1345. (24 species; 142 individuals)

March 27, Sunday (CCK)
Cherry Creek SRA. Leader: Walt Hackney. Observers: Diane Carter, Meredith Ihrig, Frank Johnson, Randy Lentz, Bob and Marty Montgomery. (Overcast; Wind N 25 mph/40 kph; 25° to 35°F/-3° to 2°C). 14.7 mi/23.7 by car, 5 mi/8 km on foot. 0730-1600. (44 species; 982 individuals)

March Tuesday Birders Trips

March 1. Jeffco Conference and Nature Center, Lookout Mountain, Genessee Park (JCN). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. 8 mi by car; 1.5 mi on foot. 11 species; 50 individuals.

March 8. Trip canceled - inclement weather.

March 15. Cherry Creek Reservoir SP (CCR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 36 observers. 5 mi by car; 2 mi on foot. 30 species; 493 individuals.

March 22. Barr Lake SP and Buckley Eagle Watch (BAR). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. 10 mi by car; 3 mi on foot. 40 species; 1,078 individuals.

March 29. Trip canceled - inclement weather.

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 100 species was reported from the 10 scheduled field trips and 3 Tuesday Birder's trips in March (including 1 in February), shown on Table 1 (Pages xx-xx). In addition, 13 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 113 species were reported to the DFO for the month of March, 1994.

On the March 15 trip to Cherry Creek, the Tuesday Birders also saw 200 Mule Deer, 50 White-tailed Deer, and 5 coyotes.

After the February 26th trip to Hamilton Reservoir, co-leader David Leatherman took several members of the group to Fort Collins and Rist Canyon to see a couple of special birds. At the Northern Colorado Environmental Learning Center, along the Poudre River, the group saw 1 Belted Kingfisher, 3 Black-capped Chickadees, 1 Song Sparrow, 1 Northern Flicker, 1 Winter Wren, and 10 Starlings. At Rist Canyon, the group was lucky enough to hear a Northern Pygmy-Owl.

The Sage Sparrow that Hugh Kingery saw in Silverthorne on the 24th may be a first Summit County record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The program for the May 4th meeting will be the members' slide show. Each participant may show up to 15 slides, and anyone interested in showing should call David Pantle at 333-8352.

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society has begun a project to study migratory birds and their habitats. Part of the "Birds in the Balance" program of the National Audubon Society, the goal is to analyze, protect, and enhance the habitat along Bear Creek from Summit Lake to Bear Creek Lake. Emphasis will be to map specific areas to be studied; inventory habitat types by plant communities, elevation, etc.; develop a list of birds using the Bear Creek area in all seasons; develop a historical account of human and avian activity along the Bear Creek corridor and educate the general public about habitat enhancement. All interested participants are invited. To find out how you can get involved, call Nancy Kanyuk at 697-9075 or Janell Herman at 674-6723.

The Colorado Bird Observatory seeks breeding bird lists for small birding hotspots in Colorado. The information will be used to identify areas that contain large numbers of species with high management concern scores as determined by the *Partners in Flight* species/habitat prioritization project. The observatory will then request funding for acquisition of exceptional hotspots through Habitat Conservation Grants from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) programs. Each grant will consist of a small portion of the available \$150,000.00 set aside for land acquisition.

Funding is limited, so please restrict lists to small areas or areas that will provide buffer zones for adjacent protected lands. Remember, these species lists are intended to guide us toward acquisition of land, so exclude areas that are already protected. If you are interested in protecting a favorite birding hotspot, please send a brief description of the area and its location along with a list of breeding species to:
Jim Bradley
Colorado Bird Observatory
13401 Picadilly Road
Brighton, CO 80601

Scheduled DFO Trips

DATE AREA COVERED	2/26 HRS	3/5 MFP	3/6 WGB	3/12 SPR	3/13 BDR	3/19 RMA	3/20 CSP	25-27 NEB	3/26 CRD	3/27 CCK
Pied-billed Grebe	3			3				3		
Horned Grebe	15		1		4					4
Western Grebe	2									
American White Pelican								60		
Double-crested Cormorant							13	1		8
Great Blue Heron				1		2	15	9		1
Black-crowned Night-Heron										1
Snow Goose										
White morph								7		
Canada Goose	3200	4	100	29	8	150	18	13	2	35
Wood Duck			3m3f	2						
Green-winged Teal	10		12	206	2	1		14		37
Mallard	28		124	70	2	12	10	20	5	49
Northern Pintail	35			48		6				6
Cinnamon Teal				1						6
Northern Shoveler	9		80	325	1	35		20		35
Gadwall	26		37	116		25		60		133
American Wigeon	6		19	144		2		6		3
Canvasback	8					1				
Redhead	18		44	2	21	90		110		3
Ring-necked Duck	1		7	1		80		1		
Greater Scaup					5			1		
Lesser Scaup	60		9	10		120				6
Oldsquaw	2									
Common Goldeneye	7		26	11	5	8	1	40		
Barrow's Goldeneye			1f							
Bufflehead	18		1					6		
Hooded Merganser			5		2		1			
Common Merganser	5		15			3				1f
Ruddy Duck	80									
Bald Eagle	4a	1i		3	2a	2		10		
Northern Harrier	1				1	1		5		2m3f
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1
Northern Goshawk		1								
Red-Tailed Hawk			1	4	5			22	2	2
"Harlan's" race					1					
western races						10				
Ferruginous Hawk	1			5	2			10		
Rough-Legged Hawk	1					2		1		
<i>Buteo</i> species										

Tues. Birders

1 JCN	15 CCR	22 BAR	DATE AREA COVERED
			Pied-billed Grebe
			Horned Grebe
			Western Grebe
			American White Pelican
		30	Double-crested Cormorant
	5	11	Great Blue Heron
			Black-crowned Night-Heron
			Snow Goose
			White morph
	7	33	Canada Goose
			Wood Duck
	34	2	Green-winged Teal
	23	15	Mallard
	4	2	Northern Pintail
			Cinnamon Teal
	40	170	Northern Shoveler
	48	215	Gadwall
	10		American Wigeon
			Canvasback
	96	7	Redhead
	1	50	Ring-necked Duck
			Greater Scaup
	7	13	Lesser Scaup
			Oldsquaw
		22	Common Goldeneye
			Barrow's Goldeneye
		9	Bufflehead
			Hooded Merganser
	1	4	Common Merganser
		10	Ruddy Duck
	1m1f	1m1f	Bald Eagle
		2m2f	Northern Harrier
			Sharp-shinned Hawk
			Northern Goshawk
	2		Red-Tailed Hawk
			"Harlan's" race
			western races
			Ferruginous Hawk
			Rough-Legged Hawk
			<i>Buteo</i> species

Table 1, March Field Trips

Scheduled DFO Trips											Tues. Birders			
DATE AREA COVERED	2/26 HRS	3/5 MFP	3/6 WGB	3/12 SPR	3/13 BDR	3/19 RMA	3/20 CSP	25-27 NEB	3/26 CRD	3/27 CCK	1 JCN	15 CCR	22 BAR	DATE AREA COVERED
Golden Eagle	1			1				3		1				Golden Eagle
American Kestrel				3		4		48		1m2f			1m1f	American Kestrel
Merlin								1						Merlin
Prairie Falcon	1							1						Prairie Falcon
Ring-Necked Pheasant						21		4		3		1m		Ring-Necked Pheasant
Blue Grouse		1						1						Blue Grouse
Wild Turkey												4h		Wild Turkey
Virginia Rail										10				Virginia Rail
American Coot	50		9	32	17	110	1	14		36		18	45	American Coot
Sandhill Crane								22000						Sandhill Crane
Killdeer	2			2		6	1h	12	1	16			4	Killdeer
American Avocet										3				American Avocet
Common Snipe										2				Common Snipe
Ring-Billed Gull			20	60	55		4	2250		18		7	2	Ring-Billed Gull
California Gull					2									California Gull
Herring Gull	1									4		1a2i		Herring Gull
Rock Dove	6	3	6	70	15	8		95	5	12			46	Rock Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl			2											Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl						3	2	1		1N		1N		Great Horned Owl
Northern Pygmy-Owl		1												Northern Pygmy-Owl
Belted Kingfisher			1	5				3						Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker								1						Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker			6		1	3	1	1		4	1		2	Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker					1						3			Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker					14		3		2			4	1	Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race								1						"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-Shafted" race		4	13	6		7		11		7				"Red-Shafted" race
Horned Lark	16					8	2	24	10				4	Horned Lark
Steller's Jay		4							1		2			Steller's Jay
Blue Jay		1	2		1			1						Blue Jay
Scrub Jay		2							7					Scrub Jay
Black-Billed Magpie		5	35	35	24	65	25	18	6	37	3	18	8	Black-Billed Magpie
American Crow		15	4		10	3		75	15	10	6		3	American Crow
Common Raven		4			8		1	1	5					Common Raven
Black-Capped Chickadee		3	17	3	7	15	18	4	3	13		2	12	Black-Capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee		8							1		12			Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch		4			1	1								Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-Breasted Nuthatch		9						1	3					White-Breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch		40									3			Pygmy Nuthatch

Table 1, March Field Trips, continued

DATE AREA COVERED	Scheduled DFO Trips										Tues. Birders			DATE AREA COVERED
	2/26 HRS	3/5 MFP	3/6 WGB	3/12 SPR	3/13 BDR	3/19 RMA	3/20 CSP	25-27 NEB	3/26 CRD	3/27 CCK	1 JCN	15 CCR	22 BAR	
Brown Creeper		3	2			1					1			Brown Creeper
Marsh Wren			1											Marsh Wren
American Dipper			2											American Dipper
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet			5					3						Ruby-Crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird								15						Eastern Bluebird
Western Bluebird									3					Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird					35				5	10		1m1f	1	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire		11					1					1		Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin		4	14	5	3	165	35	225	14	70	2	12	17	American Robin
Cedar Waxwing								15						Cedar Waxwing
Northern Shrike		1												Northern Shrike
European Starling	13	3	38	150	17	300	20	285	13	117		120	130	European Starling
Scarlet Tanager					1									Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal								1						Northern Cardinal
Rufous-sided Towhee		2			1				2					Rufous-sided Towhee
Song Sparrow			12	4	2	10		4		14		8	4	Song Sparrow
White-Crowned Sparrow										1			6	White-Crowned Sparrow
Dark-Eyed Junco		20		8	8			22			9	3	32	Dark-Eyed Junco
"White-winged" race		5												"White-winged" race
"Slate-Colored" race			3			4			3	1				"Slate-Colored" race
"Oregon" race	1	2							20	2				"Oregon" race
"Pink-Sided" race		1	1			6								"Pink-Sided" race
"Gray-headed" race		2	1						4					"Gray-headed" race
Lapland Longspur	1h													Lapland Longspur
Red-Winged Blackbird			10	20		40		1450		220		7	130	Red-Winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark					2	32		45	3	8			10	Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird				2										Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle								270					1	Common Grackle
House Finch	10	2	2	6	10	50	2	25	3	23	8	2	2	House Finch
Pine Siskin					2									Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch			1					45					5	American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	12		40	20	9	70		80	4				11	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	35	26	40	36	37	40	20	58	24	44	11	31	40	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3654	166	735	1413	307	1482	174	27475	142	982	50	493	1078	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Abbreviations used in this table: a = adult, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male, N = on nest

Table 1, March Field Trips, continued

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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The following press release comes from the Colorado Urban Wildlife Partnership - -

Every morning all over the world, the sun rolls over the horizon, and the air fills with the sound of birds. The first Sunday in May, people worldwide flock together to enjoy the glorious heralding of the new day. The Colorado Urban Wildlife Partnership invites Coloradans to participate in this global event. The chorus begins at sunrise. Join others to share the experience at one of eight locations listed below, or open your bedroom window and listen to the songs of birds around your home.

Naturalists and birding experts will be at each of the locations to enhance your listening experience. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early to settle in for quiet listening by 6:00 AM. Make a occasion of it and bring a picnic breakfast (No eggs, please!) as an encore to the Dawn Chorus.

If you choose to listen from your home, we'd like to hear from you. Just call us at 303 538-6622 between the hours of 6:00 AM and noon on May 1, and tell us what birds you heard. The results will be compiled to help us learn more about Colorado's wondrous songbirds.

Group Gathering Locations:

Barr Lake State Park 13401 Picadilly Road Brighton 659-6005	Roxborough State Park 4751 North Roxborough Drive Littleton 973-3959	Denver City Park Meet at west entry of DMNH 331-4118
Walden Ponds North of Valmont on 75th Boulder 441-3950	Lory State Park 708 Lodgepole Drive Bellvue 493-1623	Ridgeway State Park 28555 Hwy 550 Ridgeway 626-5822
Colorado River State Park Grand Junction 434-3388		Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWA 72nd Ave & Quebec St. Commerce City 289-0232

NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT

The North American Migration Count will be held this year on May 14. If would like to participate, and have not already done so, please call your county coordinator or Brandon Percival at (719) 547-3722. A partial list of county coordinators is as follows:

Alamosa: John Rawinski (719) 852-3830
Baca: Janeal Thompson (719) 324-5473
Eagle: Linda Vidal (303) 925-7134
Fremont: Rosie Watts (719) 372-6679
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Morgan: Joe Rigli (303) 432-5200

Pitkin: Linda Vidal (303) 925-7134

Pueblo: Van Truan (719) 543-4744

Rio Grande: John Rawinski (719) 852-3830

Weld: Jo Ann Kozan (303) 356-2698

Yuma: Counted by the DMNH field trip

Since this is also the day of the DFO Spring Count, leaders can send their reports, as usual, to the editor of the Lark Bunting for compilation. In order for proper recording, please separate birds by the county in which they were observed.

**Thanks to Contributors to the
Colorado Rare Bird Alert in March:**

Boulder Bird Club
Jean Dupree and Bart Torbert
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David Martin
John Miller
Bob and Marcia Rolander

The Nominating Committee has, after deliberation, returned with nominations for DFO Officers for DFO Year 1994-1995. They are as follows:

President: Joey Kellner
Vice President: Norm Lewis
Treasurer: Glenn Hageman
Secretary: Gail Evans
Directors: George Armbrust
Walt Hackney
Past President: Norm Erthal

Additional nominations from the floor will be taken in advance of the election, to be held at the May meeting.

Thanks go out to the current officers, Joey Kellner, David Pantle, Glenn Hageman, Barbara Bridges, Steve Stachowiak, Virginia Bleck, Jackie King, Joe Roller, Karleen Schofield, Diana Mullineaux, and Norm Erthal, as well as the field trip organizers, Mort Staatz and Ruth Breckon, and the Book Sales Coordinator, Ed Holub, for all the hard work they have put in to make the DFO the great organization it is.

The last ten pages of this month's issue is the member directory, compiled by DFO member Phil Hayes. They are numbered separately, so that they can be detached and used alone. On the last page is another membership blank, so all DFO members have at least one to give out to prospective members. Please feel free to copy the membership form as much as you like.

A checklist for the Canon City Riverwalk is soon to be published by the Canon City Recreation and Park District. Most of the data collection has been done by Sylvia Wheelock and Jim and Rosie Watts over the past five years.

Anyone having information on birds, mammals, reptiles, or amphibians at the Canon City Riverwalk is encouraged to send the data before June 30, 1994, to:

Jim and Rosie Watts
518 A Street,
Penrose, CO 81240
or call 719 372-6679.

The checklists should be available after September 1, 1994. For a free copy, write the Canon City Recreation and Park District at:
503 Main
Canon City, CO 81212
or call 719 275-1578

For information about viewing Sage Grouse on their leks, write the North Park Chamber of Commerce at:

PO Box 68
Walden, CO 80480

I just received this address, so it may be too late for this year, but they are held every year, and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

American White Pelican 3/19 (4) Lake Henry, Crowley County DB
Tundra Swan 3/5 (1i) Pond at Fairway Road and Neva Road, Boulder County DL
Swan, probable Tundra 3/19 (1i) Bijou Reservoir, Morgan County KS
Eurasian Wigeon 3/18 through 3/31 (2) Pond north of SH7 on Quebec Street, Adams County JTB(F), JM
3/22 (2m) South of 168th Avenue on Quebec Street, Adams County KS
3/24 (2m) Pond at Quebec between 160th and 168th Avenues, Adams County DL
Red-tailed Hawk, "Harlan's" race 3/5 and 3/10 (1a) US 36, west of Boulder Overlook, Boulder County DL
White-tailed Ptarmigan 3/5 (4) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek County DB, EM, BS, MB
American Avocet 3/18 through 3/31 (20) Pond north of SH7 on Quebec Street, Adams County JTB, JM
3/19 (4) Cheraw, Otero County DB
Greater Yellowlegs 3/18 through 3/31 (2) Pond north of SH7 on Quebec Street, Adams County JTB(F), JM
Lesser Yellowlegs 3/19 (1) Cheraw, Otero County DB
Semipalmated Sandpiper 3/19 (2) Cheraw, Otero County DB
Baird's Sandpiper 3/19 (1) Cheraw, Otero County DB
Northern Pygmy-Owl 3/6 (1) 4 miles south of Pine Junction, Jefferson County KS
3/24 (1) Lyons, Boulder County JTB, JM
Northern Saw-Whet Owl 3/13 (12, heard) W side of Uncompahgre Uplift, above Nucla, Montrose Co. DB
Eastern Phoebe 3/19 (1) Carrizo Picnic Grounds, Baca County DB
Winter Wren 3/4 (1) No. Colorado Environmental Learning Center, Fort Collins, Larimer County KS
Summer Tanager 3/5 (1mw) Abbey Place, Boulder County DL
Sage Sparrow 3/24 (1) Silverthorne, Summit County HK
Red Crossbill 3/14 (1m, 1f, 1i) Indian Hills, Jefferson County KS

BS = Bill Stewart, DB = Dan Bridges, DL = David Laliberte, EM = Ethel Major, HK = Hugh Kingery, JTB = Joe Ten Brink, JM = Jean Maguire, KS = Karleen Schofield, MB = Michael Babnick

Abbreviations used: f = female, F = details provided, i = immature, m = male, w = winter plumage

MAY FIELD TRIPS

May 1, Sunday. White Ranch Open Space Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Meet at 0600 at Park-and-Ride on Ward Road just north of I-70. Displaying Blue Grouse possible. Uphill hike. □ ∅

May 7, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0700 at Prospect Park Lake, south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. □ ∅

May 8, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0269). Meet at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £

May 11, Wednesday. Fountain Creek Regional Park and Hanna Ranch. Leaders: Toni Brevillier (719 540-5653) and Karleen Schofield (936-8661). Meet to carpool at 0600 at southwest corner of Southmoor Park-and-Ride (take Hampden east from I-25 to Monaco, then south to Magnolia Way), or meet at 0730 at the north parking area of FCRP (from I-25 south of Colorado Springs, take Exit 132. Go east on C-16 across Fountain Creek to US 85. Go south to Willow Springs Road, then west on this road into park, bearing right to parking lot and restrooms). Call Karleen if carpooling from Denver.

May 12, Thursday. **Spring Count.** Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 0600 at west gate of the SRA near Cherry Creek High School.

May 14, Saturday. **Spring Count.** Lower Bear Creek. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0630 at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest section west of Burlington Coat Factory) at South Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden Ave).

May 14, Saturday. **Spring Count.** Chatfield SRA. Leader: Glenn Hageman (322-6589). Meet at 0600 at Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park (off Colorado Highway 75).

May 14, Saturday. **Spring Count.** Waterton. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 0600 at the Waterton Bridge.

May 15, Sunday. **Spring Count.** Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Jackie King (289-1644). Meet at 0600 at intersection of Picadilly Road and Bromley Lane.

May 15, Sunday. **Spring Count.** Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (777-7101). Call leader for details (Castlewood has new entrances). Half-day or full-day optional.

May 15, Sunday. **Spring Count.** Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 0600 at entrance station to Barr Lake SP. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around the lake.

May 15, Sunday. **Spring Count.** Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Urling Kingery (333-0161). Register with leader (number of observers limited).

May 17 and 18, Tuesday and Wednesday. Lake McConaghy, Nebraska. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0800 Tuesday at leader's home, or make other arrangements. Stay at Super-8 Motel at Ogalala, NE (308 284-2076). Return by 1800 (6:00 PM) Wednesday. Bring lunches for two days. Must call leader if going.

May 21, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Must call leader for details.

May 22, Sunday. Rigli Ranch. Leader: Joe Rigli (1 303 432-5200). Carpool at 0630 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park, or join group at 0715 at Pepper Pot Restaurant in Hudson (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader at ranch — from Hudson, go east on Highway 52 until it turns north. Continue east on Morgan County F to County Road 14, then turn north to first house on left by boxcars. £

May 28, Saturday. Highline Canal, McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers, and Daniels Park. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line Road. £

£ = bring lunch, ∅ = lunch optional, □ = half-day trip

Field Trips Submitted By:
Ruth Breckon (455-0970)
Mort Staatz (279-6169)



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 7, 1994

PROGRAM: To be announced

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

April 1994 Field Trip Summary

April 2, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Steve Stachowiak. Observers: Deb Elliot, Gail Evans, Peter Lowen. (Freezing rain mixed with snow; Wind NW 5 to 10 mph/8 to 16 kph; 35°F/2°C). 5 mi/8 km by car, 1 mi/1.6 km on foot. 0600-0830. (37 species; 819 individuals)

April 9, Saturday (RPB)

Reynolds Park, Buffalo, and Pine areas. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Vicky Lefevers (Shreveport, LA), Steve Litz, Alberta Nelson, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Rocky and Sandy Reynebeau, Eleanor White. (Calm, cloudy; Wind N 5 mph/8 kph; 25 to 35°F/-4 to 2°C). 35 mi/56 km by car, 1 mi/1.6 km on foot. 0800-1400. (21 species; 97 individuals)

April 10, Sunday

Trip cancelled -- inclement weather.

April 16, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Deb Elliott, Gail Evans, Ginny and Tom Faxon, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Frank Johnson, Steve Litz, Bill Miller, Sig Nelson, Darryl Patrick, Rocky and Sandee Reynebeau, Steven Segal, David R. Smith, Mort Staatz,

Sherri Stevens, Barbara Strebin, Joe Ten Brink, Lisa Tull, Linda Verbisine, Eleanor White. (Sunny; Calm to light air; 50 to 80°F/10 to 27°C). 5 mi/8 km by car, 4 mi/6.4 km on foot. 0805-1305. (53 species; 875 individuals)

April 17, Sunday (BCK)

Bear Creek - Plains to Foothills. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers: Don Beltz, Ursula Barsch, Valerie Berger, Mary Berger, Ben Cohen, George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Leslie Kumz, Betty Marsland, Joel Matthias, Rich Maslow, Betsey Maslow, Jeff Maslow, Ira Sanders, Chuck Walters. (Sunny; Slight breeze; 50 to 60°F/10 to 16°C). 50 mi/80 km by car, 4 mi/6.4 km on foot. 0800-1400. (34 species; 160 individuals)

April 23, Saturday (NEC)

Northeastern Colorado, including Prewitt SRA, Muir Springs, Fort Morgan, Bijou Creek, Jackson State Park, Weld County. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Phil Hayes, Kent and Liz Kreider, JoAnne Kyhl, Steve Litz, Maxine Litzo, Peter Lowen, Tim Schowalter, Chuck Walters. (Clear; Wind NE 0 to 10 mph/0 to 16 kph; 46 to 85°F/8 to 30°C). 233.2 mi/375.5 km by car, 3 mi/4.8 km on foot. 0600-1800. (70 species; 1,260 individuals)

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The organization presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

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April 24, Sunday (NWDL)

Northwest Denver lakes. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Kitty Albee, Virginia Bleck, Jean Fredlund, Deana Hruby, David Laliberte, David Ligozzie, Charles Lowrie, Margie Mills, Jean Morgan, Peter Mulholland, Mort Staatz, Joe Ten Brink, Dr. Allen Togut (Wilkes-Barre, PA). (Clear; Wind E 0 to 5 mph/0 to 8 kph; 55 to 70°F/13 to 21°C). 20 mi/3.2 km by car, 1 mi/1.6 km on foot. 0830-1500. (47 species; 733 individuals)

April 30, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park. Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Ed Holub, Dick Schottler, Bob Spencer, Mort Staatz. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind N 0 to 10 mph/0 to 16 kph; 33 to 53°F/1 to 12°C). 16 mi/25.8 km by car, 5 mi/8 km on foot. 0630-1500. (75 species; 1,340 individuals)

April Tuesday Birders Trips

April 5. Trip cancelled - inclement weather.

April 12. Red Rocks and Morrison Parks (RRM). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers. 30 species, 171 individuals.

April 19. Hawk Watch, Dinosaur Ridge, Matthews, Winter Park (DRHW). Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers. 23 species, 83 individuals.

April 26. Trip canceled - inclement weather.

Independent Trip

April 28 through May 1. Southeastern Colorado, including Pueblo area, Huerfano Reservoir, Olive Marsh, Pueblo Nature Center, La Junta, Cottonwood, Carrizo, and Picture Canyons, Two Buttes Reservoir, Lamar Community College, Fort Lyon, Lakes Cheraw and Holbrook, Rocky Ford SWA. Observers: Brandon Percival and Mark Janos (on Saturday). 31.5 hours birding. 137 species; 4,695 individuals.

It must have been a slow month out there, as the Editor has included every reported sighting.

The Swainson's Warbler seen by Brandon Percival was, if confirmed, the 6th state record for the bird.

Table 1, April Field Trips

	DFO Field Trips							Tues brdrs & Ind trps			
	2	9	16	17	23	24	30	12	19	28-1	
	CCR	RPB	BAR	BCK	NEC	NWDL	CSP	RRM	DRHW	SEC	
Common Loon										1	Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	1				4	4				2	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe	1		1			15					Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe			1			1	4			20	Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	1		20		9	17	3			10	Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe										10	Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican			4		211	2	1				American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	13		100		13	6	150			2	Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	1	1	16		8	1	75	1		7	Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret										2	Snowy Egret
Green-backed Heron										1	Green-backed Heron
Black-crnd Night-Heron	1						1			2	Black-crnd Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis							70			80	White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose	12		11	12	21	85+6i	20			10	Canada Goose
Wood Duck					3					44	Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	25		4		7	8	110			10	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	11	2	24	10	44	50	75	1	2	26	Mallard
Northern Pintail	1		8		1						Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal	1		6		12	1	20			31	Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal					1m1f		8			10	Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	74		50		28	25	125			130	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	27		10		22	10	10			70	Gadwall
American Wigeon	32		8		1	5	2			40	American Wigeon
Canvasback			6								Canvasback
Redhead	34		8		5		15			8	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck					10	8	1			2	Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	61		6		17	27	4			40	Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye						2				1	Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead	2		18		6f	8				6	Bufflehead
Common Merganser						3	6				Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser						2					Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck			40		8	4				12	Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture				1	1		8	1	9	22	Turkey Vulture
Osprey							4				Osprey
Bald Eagle			2a2i								Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier			5		2f				4	2	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1		2		1	Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk			1				1	1	9		Cooper's Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk									3		Broad-winged Hawk
Swainson's Hawk			6		8	1	2			15	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk								6	8	3	Red-tailed Hawk
western races		1		1	8		3				western races
Ferruginous Hawk										2	Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle			1	1				1	2	2	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel			3	2	23		7	3		20	American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon							2				Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon			1					1			Prairie Falcon
<i>Falco</i> species									1		<i>Falco</i> species
Ring-necked Pheasant			1h		3		1			4	Ring-necked Pheasant
Wild Turkey										4	Wild Turkey

Table 1, April Field Trips, continued

	DFO Field Trips							Tues brdrs & Ind trps			
	2	9	16	17	23	24	30	12	19	28-1	
	CCR	RPB	BAR	BCK	NEC	NWDL	CSP	RRM	DRHW	SEC	
Northern Bobwhite					3h					1	Northern Bobwhite
Scaled Quail										1	Scaled Quail
Virginia Rail	2									1	Virginia Rail
Sora										1	Sora
American Coot	250		100		23	1	100			120	American Coot
Snowy Plover										6	Snowy Plover
Semipalmated Plover										3	Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer	1		1	1	25	2	2			53	Killdeer
Mountain Plover										1	Mountain Plover
Black-necked Stilt										10	Black-necked Stilt
American Avocet										14	American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs										3	Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs					12		7			4	Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper										1	Solitary Sandpiper
Willet							26			1	Willet
Spotted Sandpiper							2				Spotted Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew					1					6	Long-billed Curlew
Marbled Godwit					20					4	Marbled Godwit
Sanderling										1	Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper							4			20	Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper							10			5	Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper										2	Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper							1				Baird's Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher										60	Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe				4	3h						Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope							7			720	Wilson's Phalarope
Red-necked Phalarope										1	Red-necked Phalarope
Franklin's Gull					115	20	1			2	Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	7		7		1		15			5	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	1		4		25	2	25		2		California Gull
Herring Gull	1										Herring Gull
Forster's Tern										8	Forster's Tern
Rock Dove			3	4	35	25		10		144	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove			3		23	12	4			223	Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl	1				1		3a2i			5	Great Horned Owl
Chimney Swift				2						15	Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift											White-throated Swift
unidentified swift											unidentified swift
Belted Kingfisher		1	3		2		3		1	4	Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker										12	Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker										1	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Ladder-bked. Woodpecker										1	Ladder-bked. Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker			3	1		3		1	1f	7	Downy Woodpecker
eastern races					4						eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker				1						1	Hairy Woodpecker

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	2	9	16	17	23	24	30	12	19	28-1	
	CCR	RPB	BAR	BCK	NEC	NWDL	CSP	RRM	DRHW	SEC	
Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race "Red-shafted" race Gray Flycatcher Eastern Phoebe	4	1	1	8	2 7	8	10	1	1	13 1 6	Northern Flicker "Yellow-shafted" race "Red-shafted" race Gray Flycatcher Eastern Phoebe
Say's Phoebe Ash-throated Flycatcher Cassin's Kingbird Western Kingbird Horned Lark					10		1 1	2		12 1 3 14 110	Say's Phoebe Ash-throated Flycatcher Cassin's Kingbird Western Kingbird Horned Lark
Tree Swallow Violet-Green Swallow No. Rgh-wged Swallow Bank Swallow Cliff Swallow			6		1 5		10 50 1 25			20 20 20 20	Tree Swallow Violet-Green Swallow No. Rgh-wged Swallow Bank Swallow Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow Steller's Jay Blue Jay Scrub Jay Black-billed Magpie		8	1	3	9 18	4 15	50	1	2	45 5 10 55	Barn Swallow Steller's Jay Blue Jay Scrub Jay Black-billed Magpie
American Crow Chihuahuan Raven Common Raven Black-capped Chickadee Mountain Chickadee	3	10		3	8	10	5		1	5 6 7 37 1	American Crow Chihuahuan Raven Common Raven Black-capped Chickadee Mountain Chickadee
Plain Titmouse Bushtit Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch				2 4 6	1					2 16 2 1	Plain Titmouse Bushtit Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch
Rock Wren Canyon Wren Bewick's Wren House Wren American Dipper					1 15				1	20 5 34 23	Rock Wren Canyon Wren Bewick's Wren House Wren American Dipper
Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher Eastern Bluebird Western Bluebird Mountain Bluebird		2				1m	2 10 15			10	Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher Eastern Bluebird Western Bluebird Mountain Bluebird
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Table 1, April Field Trips, continued

	DFO Field Trips							Tues brdrs & Ind trps			
	2	9	16	17	23	24	30	12	19	28-1	
	CCR	RPB	BAR	BCK	NEC	NWDL	CSP	RRM	DRHW	SEC	
Brown Thrasher					3					20	Brown Thrasher
American Pipit					1h		35				American Pipit
Loggerhead Shrike					1		1			8	Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	49		30	22	48	45	25	9	1	172	European Starling
Orange-crowned Warbler										5	Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler									2		Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race					10	6	13			85	"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race			1	1	2	2	8			90	"Audubon's" race
Swainson's Warbler										1	Swainson's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat										4	Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler										2	Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat										1	Yellow-breasted Chat
Green-tailed Towhee										3	Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee							3	10	4	4	Rufous-sided Towhee
Canyon Towhee										14	Canyon Towhee
Rufous-crowned Sparrow										2	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow							2			420	Chipping Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow					1		5			4	Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow										37	Lark Sparrow
Black-throated Sparrow										2	Black-throated Sparrow
Lark Bunting										50	Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow	1										Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow	6	1	2	6	1	3	5	1		6	Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow										3	Lincoln's Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow			1								Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow						1	1			227	White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race					6						"Gambel's" race
Harris' Sparrow										1	Harris' Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco			6					24			Dark-eyed Junco
"Oregon" race	2										"Oregon" race
"Gray-headed" race		1		2							"Gray-headed" race
Red-winged Blackbird	135	6	200	12	60	5	2			86	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	12		12		46		55	3	5	200	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird			4		41					200	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird			1			5	1			10	Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	3		60	4	56	125	2		6	140	Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird					8		1			40	Brown-headed Cowbird
Northern Oriole											Northern Oriole
"Bullock's" race										2	"Bullock's" race
House Finch		6		6	15	18	2	8		45	House Finch
American Goldfinch			4	2						65	American Goldfinch
House Sparrow			12		30	60				65	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	37	21	53	34	70	47	75	30	23	137	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	819	97	875	160	1260	733	1340	171	83	4695	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

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ADDITIONAL APRIL 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Common Loon 4/11 (1) Sandpit west of Cow Palace in Lamar, Prowers County BoB, LaB
 Little Blue Heron 4/24 (1a) Pond just E of Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP (F), MJ (F)
 Snow Goose 4/16 (6) San Luis Lake SP, Alamosa County ENRG
 Peregrine Falcon 4/4 (1) Office building s of Belleview on DTC Blvd, Englewood, Arapahoe County BoB
 Greater Prairie-Chicken 4/10 (34) Near Wray, Yuma County BP, mo
 more on next page

Lesser Prairie-Chicken 4/16 (11m, 5f) Lek east of Campo, Baca County ENRG
 Black-necked Stilt 4/23 (2) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County BoB, LaB
 Dunlin 4/3 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, BD
 Stilt Sandpiper 4/24 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, MJ
 Bonaparte's Gull 4/16 (8) San Luis Lake SP, Alamosa County ENRG
 Herring Gull 4/16 (1) San Luis Lake SP, Alamosa County ENRG
 Long-eared Owl 4/12 (1) Chatfield Res., in Magpie nest near SCUBA area, Jefferson County BoB, LaB
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 4/9 (1m) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County BP
 Red-naped Sapsucker 4/30 (1f) Backyard near Sheridan & Quincy in Bow Mar, Jefferson County LDS (D)
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 4/15 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County ENRG
 Eastern Bluebird 4/10 (2) Ramah SWA, El Paso County BP
 Cassin's Sparrow 4/24 (2) Near Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP, MJ
 Swamp Sparrow 4/17 (1) Olive Marsh, Pueblo County BP, MJ

BD = Bob Dickson, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, ENRG = Ed, Nancy, and Robert Gustafson, LaB = LeaAnn Brown,
 LDS = Lisa and Doug Sacarto, MJ = Mark Janos, mo = many others

Abbreviations used: a = adult, D = details provided, f = female, F = rare bird form submitted, m = male

JUNE FIELD TRIPS

June 4, Saturday. South Platte, Buffalo Creek, and Wigwam Atlas Blocks. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0630 at Park-and-Ride on Wadsworth south of US 285 (Hampden). £

June 5, Sunday. Lyons area. Leader: Ray Davis (1-303-823-5332). Carpool at 0715 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0800 at Park-and-Ride in middle of Lyons, half a block south of Main Street at light on Third Street. Possible Golden Eagles, Lewis' Woodpeckers, and Northern Pygmy-Owls. £

June 11, Saturday. Apex park. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 0600 at the parking lot of CO 93 just north of US 40. Carry water for steep trail. Blue Grouse possible and wild flowers should be in full bloom. £

June 12, Sunday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet at 0730 at west gate of park on South Wadsworth. + Ø *

June 15, Wednesday. Cherry Creek SRA. Leader: Marlene Eggerling (369-6134). Meet at west gate of park, east of Cherry Creek High School. Go east from Yosemite on Union, then south and east to gate. Ø *

June 18, Saturday. Barr Lake SRA. Leaders: Marilyn and Lee Rowe (659-8069). Meet leaders at 0800 at Nature Center in the park. + *

June 19, Sunday. Eldora and Hesse areas. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Carpool at 0645 south of West 38th on Vance Street (one

block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0730 in north parking lot of US Dept of Commerce Boulder Labs (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left; turn left again at next light; cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds). £

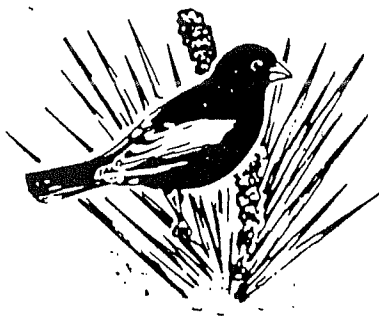
June 25, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Bob Righter (692-8529). Meet to carpool at 0615 south of West 38th on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 800 at Visitor's Ctr, e of Beaver Meadows entrance to park. US Park Pass required for each vehicle. £

June 26, Sunday. Vista View Trail, Eldorado Springs area. Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster (1-303-494-6708). Carpool at 0715, s of W. 38th on Vance Street (one block east of Wads.). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leaders at 0800 in north parking lot of US Dept of Commerce Boulder Labs (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left; turn left again at next light; cross street at next light onto lab grounds). £

July 2 through 4, Saturday through Monday. North Park, Arapahoe NWR, and Colorado State Forest. Meet at 0900 on Saturday at Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Sat and Sun nights in Walden (North Park Motel 1-303-723-4271), or primitive campground one mile n of town.

£ = bring lunch, Ø = lunch optional, + = half-day trip, P = Colorado State Park Pass required

Field Trips Submitted By:
 Mort Staatz (279-6169)
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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 7, 1994

PROGRAM: To be announced

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

May 1994 Field Trip Summary

May 7, Saturday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon.
Observers: Susan and Ed Bowditch, Richard
Cookingham, Phil Hayes, Gary and Kathy Hughes,
Gil Jackson, Liz Kreider, Leslie Kunz, Dieter Kamm,
Charles Lawrence, Eric Lindberg, Sig Nelson, Dick
Pratt, Ira Sanders, Amy Young. (Overcast to mostly
clear; Wind 3 to 5 mph/4.8 to 8 kph; 47 to 65°F/8 to
19°C). 0700—1130. (48 species; 379 individuals).

May 8, Sunday (PNG)
Pawnee Nat'l Grasslands. Leader: Ben Moore.
Observers: Beth Behl, Don Beltz, Clint Jones, Leslie
Kunz, Eric Lindberg, Steve Litz, Chuck Lowrie, Jean
McClenathen, Ira Sanders, Chuck Walters, Amy
Young. (Clear; Wind NW 0 to 25 mph/0 to
40.25 kph; 40 to 60°F/5 to 15°C). 0700—1830.
(62 species; 394 individuals).

May 11, Wednesday (FCP)
Fountain Creek Regional Park and Hanna Ranch.
Leaders: Toni Brevillier, Karleen Schofield.
Observers: Kitty Albee, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer,
Marlene Eggerling, Gail Evans, JB Hayes, Claudina
Hruby, Kenneth Lane, Emilie Wiersma, Ralph
Wiersma, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy;
Wind NE 0 to 3 mph/0 to 4.8 kph; 55 to 75°F/13 to
24°C). 25 mi/40 km by car, 5.5 mi/8.8 km on foot.
0745—1630. (64 species; 408 individuals).

May 17 and 18, Tuesday and Wednesday
Nebraska trip. Trip cancelled.

May 21, Saturday
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Trip cancelled.

May 22, Sunday (HRR)
Hudson to Rigli Ranch and surrounding area.
Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Dale
Bucknam, Dieter and Alicia Kamm, Peter Lowen,
Joe Ten Brink, Pat Wales. (Clear, then cloudy; Wind
NW 0 to 15 mph/0 to 24.2 km; 54 to 85°F/x to
xx°C). 75 mi/120.75 km by car, 1.5 mi/2.4 km on
foot. 0930—1500. (72 species; 793 individuals).

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May 28, Saturday

(HLC)

Highline Canal, including McClellan Reservoir, Plum Creek, Louviers, and Daniels Park. Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Dale and Pat Wales-Bucknam, Cindy Harris, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Meredith Ihrig, Susan Kane, Liz Kreider, Peter Lowen, Joyce Quigley, Anne Southcott, Liz Willcockson. (Mostly cloudy AM, Rain & hail PM; Wind variable 5 to 30 mph/8 to 48 kph; 55 to 80°F/13 to 27°C). 24 mi/38.6 km by car, 3 mi/4.8 km on foot. 0745—1500. (60 species; 350 individuals).

SPRING COUNT

May 12, Thursday

(CCK)

Cherry Creek State Recreation Area. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Selma Berman, Barbara Gillette, Phil Hayes, David Laliberte, David Pantle, Dick Pratt. (Partly cloudy; Wind W 3 to 15 mph/4.8 to 24 kph; 47 to 70°F/8 to 21°C). 15 mi/24 km by car, 3 mi/4.8 km on foot. 0600—1400. (65 species; 958 individuals).

May 14, Saturday

(CSR)

Chatfield State Recreation Area. Leader: Glenn Hageman. Observers: George Armbrust, Ed Holub, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Peter Mulholland, David Pantle. (Clear; Wind S 0 to 5 mph/0 to 8 kph; 50 to 72°F/10 to 22°C). 19 mi/30.6 km by car, 6 mi/9.7 km on foot. 0600—1600. (69 species; 697 individuals).

May 14, Saturday

(WTJ & WTD)

Waterton and Chatfield. Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Kitty Albee, Selma Berman, Peter Gillette, Oscar Herman, Deanna Hruby, Urling Kingery, Ron Lestina, Margie Mills, Jim Norton, Dick Pratt, Joe Roller. (Clear; 45 to 70°F/7 to 21°C). No mileage report. 0615—1430. (69 & 29 species; 971 individuals). Shown on Table 2, divided by county. WTJ is Jefferson and WTD is Douglas.

SPRING COUNT

May 15, Sunday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Jackie King.
Observers: Jim Chaney, David and Lynn Conant, Liz Kreider. (Clear; Wind NW 0 to 10 mph/0 to 16 kph; 45 to 70°F/7 to 21°C). 140 mi/225.4 km by car, 2 mi/3.2 km on foot. 0600—1800. (58 species; 1,511 individuals).

May 15, Sunday (BSP)

Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Warren Finch.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Paula Hansley, Jean McClenathen, Mary McFadden, Dick Pratt, Paul Scherner, Susan Scherner, Dick Schottler. (Partly clear to sunny; Wind W 0 to 2 mph/0 to 3.2 kph; 51 to 81°F). 1 mi/1.6 km by car, 11 mi/17.7 km on foot. 0600—1700. (88 species; 1,260 individuals).

May 15, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Urling Kingery.
Observers: Kathy Bollhoefer, Diane Buell, Anne Caples, Jeanine Corvetto, Mario Corvetto, Hugh Kingery, Glenn Lane, Judy Lane, Arlene Raskin, Jerry Raskin, Lisa Sanderson. (Clear; 45 to 70°F/7 to 21°C). No mileage report. 0615—1530. (71 species; 790 individuals).

Tuesday Birders Trips

May 3. Roxborough State Park (ROX).

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 40 observers.
29 species; 166 individuals.

May 10. Longmont/Loveland area lakes (LLL).

Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Ellen Swanson.
33 observers. 56 species; 873 individuals.

May 17. Waterton Canyon (WTN).

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 30 observers.
42 species; 318 individuals.

May 24. Old Stone House, Bear Creek (OSH).

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers.
36 species; 285 individuals.

May 31. Lower White Ranch (LWR).

Leader: Ann Bonnell. 23 observers.
41 species; 144 individuals.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 147 species was reported from the 5 scheduled field trips and 5 Tuesday Birder's trips in May, shown on Table 1 (Pages 93—96). 27 additional species (and a hybrid) were reported from the Spring Count, shown on Table 2 (Pages 96—99). Also, 64 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 238 species were reported to the DFO for the month of May, 1994.

Kathy Hawkins reports that the Northern Mockingbird seen in Park County is only her second one found in the northwest region of South Park, and the previous sighting was in May of 1973! She also reports her first sighting of Black-bellied Plover in that area of South Park.

David Pantle, our former Vice President, and his wife, Sherrill, have moved to Canon City, Colorado. Their new home is on the bluff right above the Arkansas River Walk, where there is excellent birding. They would welcome any DFO members to join them for birding or for coffee or a rest break. The DFO will surely miss David, especially for the fine job he did in setting up the programs for our monthly meetings. Good luck to the Pantles in their new home! Their address is:

1826 Flora Court,
Canon City, CO 81212
(719) 275-8208

Joe Ten Brink reports that on your next trip to Stapleton airport, you may want to allow a little extra time. There are 2 pairs of American Avocets at the pond opposite the exit from Quebec to I-270. These beautiful birds have been there all month and are probably nesting.

NEW BIG DAY RECORD SET!

Our president, Joey Kellner, and Chris Wood, with the help of designated driver, Walt Hackney, broke the Colorado Big Day record when they observed 177 species in a single 24-hour period on May 15. They spent many hours working out the "perfect route" (and it appears they got it right), which they modified several times during the planning stages. Some of the best birds they saw are included in the additional reports section. Congratulations to the team for setting the standard which we can all aspire to. This one will be hard to beat!

Alan Wallace reports a Northern Saw-Whet Owl at Barr Lake on the 19th. It was sitting on a Cottonwood branch at eye level, and was being bothered by a couple of American Robins and an oriole who came within six inches of the owl. The owl had an uneaten dead mouse or vole in its talons, and sat motionless for ten minutes while Alan got a long look from approximately five feet away. It remained on the branch as he continued his walk along the ditch path approximately midway between the boat dock and dam on the southeast side of the lake. Since it was approximately 0830, the dead rodent suggests diurnal hunting or three hours of harassment by the robins.

Tuesday birders highlights include a Red-tailed Hawk seen in flight carrying a snake on the 17th; a Swainson's Hawk on the nest; two Belted Kingfishers entering a nest hole with food on the 24th; and a nesting pair of "Bullock's" Orioles on the 31st.

Participants on the trip to the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt on the 7th saw 13 immature Canada Geese and 15 adults, while those on the trip to Fountain Creek and Hanna Ranch saw 17 immature and 22 adults.

An Osprey was seen over McClellan Reservoir during the field trip on the 28th, but no Eastern Kingbirds were seen there for the first time in many years.

The Spring Count trip to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal counted several birds that are rarely seen there. The Green-backed Heron sighted was the 2nd arsenal record, as was Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, and the Upland Sandpiper was only the 5th arsenal record.

Jessie Boni, grand-daughter of DFO members Myron and Suzi Plooster, had a poem about hummingbirds published in the May issue of Wild Bird Magazine. Jessie is 11 years old and lives in Broomfield.



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	7	8	11	22	28
	WGB	PNG	FCP	HRR	HLC
Pied-billed Grebe	1		6	2	1
Eared Grebe	1				
Western Grebe				1	
Clark's Grebe				3	
American White Pelican		16		13	
Double-crested Cormorant	4	5	3	5	2
Great Blue Heron		6	13	17	1
Snowy Egret				10	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5			5	1
White-faced Ibis		9		2	
Canada Goose	28	1	39	8	
Wood Duck			4		14
Green-winged Teal	3	4		4	
Mallard	18	4	11	10	6
Northern Pintail		1			
Blue-winged Teal	2	6		4	
Cinnamon Teal		4		4	
Northern Shoveler	2	5		7	
Gadwall		1	4	3	
Redhead					
Ring-necked Duck		1			
Lesser Scaup	1			4	
Bufflehead		2			
Common Merganser					
Ruddy Duck		2		3	
Turkey Vulture			3		2
Osprey					1
Northern Harrier		2		2	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1				
Cooper's Hawk	1				
<i>Accipiter</i> species					
Swainson's Hawk		9	3	8	
Red-tailed Hawk	1		4		
western races				3	2
Ferruginous Hawk		1		1	
<i>Buteo</i> species					
Golden Eagle			1		1
American Kestrel	1	5	3	4	7
Prairie Falcon					1
Ring-necked Pheasant			1h		
Sora			9	3	
American Coot			2	9	2
Killdeer	1	2			
Mountain Plover		2			
American Avocet		16		5	
Willet					
Spotted Sandpiper	1		1	1	
Long-billed Curlew				2	
Western Sandpiper		4			
Long-billed Dowitcher				1	

	3	10	17	24	31	
	ROX	LLL	WTN	OSH	LWR	
Pied-billed Grebe		3				Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe				1		Eared Grebe
Western Grebe		13				Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe						Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican		37				American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	1	6		2		Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron		18	3	4		Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret						Snowy Egret
Black-crowned Night-Heron				5		Black-crowned Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis						White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose		50				Canada Goose
Wood Duck		1m1f				Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal		2				Green-winged Teal
Mallard	9	26	3	18		Mallard
Northern Pintail						Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal		4		3		Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal		3				Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler		3				Northern Shoveler
Gadwall		8				Gadwall
Redhead		8				Redhead
Ring-necked Duck		5				Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup						Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead						Bufflehead
Common Merganser			4			Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck		7				Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	5		6	1		Turkey Vulture
Osprey						Osprey
Northern Harrier						Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk						Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk						Cooper's Hawk
<i>Accipiter</i> species			1			<i>Accipiter</i> species
Swainson's Hawk		2		1n		Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk	1		1	1	1	Red-tailed Hawk
western races						western races
Ferruginous Hawk		1				Ferruginous Hawk
<i>Buteo</i> species	1	1	1			<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle	1		2		1	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	2	14	1			American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon						Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant						Ring-necked Pheasant
Sora		1				Sora
American Coot		6				American Coot
Killdeer		12		1	4	Killdeer
Mountain Plover						Mountain Plover
American Avocet		2				American Avocet
Willet		1				Willet
Spotted Sandpiper		2				Spotted Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew						Long-billed Curlew
Western Sandpiper						Western Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher						Long-billed Dowitcher

	7	8	11	22	28
	WGB	PNG	FCP	HRR	HLC
Wilson's Phalarope				3	
Franklin's Gull				2	
Ring-billed Gull	4				
California Gull					
<i>Larus</i> species			1		
Black Tern				2	
Unidentified tern					
Rock Dove	14	7	8	8	
Mourning Dove	9	3	14	60	7
Eastern Screech-Owl	1				
Great Horned Owl			1a3i	9	
Burrowing Owl		1		7	
White-throated Swift					
Broad-tailed Hummingbird					6
Unidentified hummingbird			1		
Belted Kingfisher			1h		1
Lewis' Woodpecker			1		
Red-headed Woodpecker				1	
Ladder-backed Wdpecker			1		
Downy Woodpecker	5		6	1	
eastern races					1
Northern Flicker	17				
"Red-shafted" race			8		9
Olive-sided Flycatcher					
Western Wood-Pewee			1	1	2
Dusky Flycatcher			1		
<i>Empidonax</i> species					
Say's Phoebe		2		3	
Western Kingbird		5	1	50	3
Eastern Kingbird			5	4	
Horned Lark		18		50	3
Tree Swallow					
Violet-Green Swallow	2				
No. Rough-winged Swallow		13	14		1
Cliff Swallow		3	13		32
Barn Swallow	7	5	9	50	22
Steller's Jay					
Blue Jay	3	1	4	2	
Scrub Jay					2
Black-billed Magpie	15	8	7	8	12
American Crow	2	1	1		3
Common Raven					1
Black-capped Chickadee	11		6		2
Red-breasted Nuthatch					
White-breasted Nuthatch			2		
House Wren	3	2	17	3	8
Marsh Wren		12			
American Dipper					
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1		3
Western Bluebird			3		3

	3	10	17	24	31	
	ROX	LLL	WTN	OSH	LWR	
Wilson's Phalarope						Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull						Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	9	250	1			Ring-billed Gull
California Gull		4				California Gull
<i>Larus</i> species						<i>Larus</i> species
Black Tern						Black Tern
Unidentified tern						Unidentified tern
Rock Dove	2	3		6		Rock Dove
Mourning Dove		6	1	12	7	Mourning Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl		18				Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl						Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl						Burrowing Owl
White-throated Swift	21					White-throated Swift
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4		3	1	2	Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Unidentified hummingbird						Unidentified hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher		1	5	2		Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker						Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-headed Woodpecker						Red-headed Woodpecker
Ladder-backed Wdpecker						Ladder-backed Wdpecker
Downy Woodpecker	1m			1		Downy Woodpecker
eastern races						eastern races
Northern Flicker	1	3		4		Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race						"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher					1	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee					6	Western Wood-Pewee
Dusky Flycatcher						Dusky Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> species					1	<i>Empidonax</i> species
Say's Phoebe	1					Say's Phoebe
Western Kingbird		10	1		3	Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird		1				Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark		1				Horned Lark
Tree Swallow			6			Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow		6	50		10	Violet-Green Swallow
No. Rough-winged Swallow		1	8		3	No. Rough-winged Swallow
Cliff Swallow		4	10			Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow		13	45	5	3	Barn Swallow
Steller's Jay	2					Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	4	1		6		Blue Jay
Scrub Jay	14		1			Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	5	6	5	17	3a1i	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	3	2	7	2	3	American Crow
Common Raven	2		1			Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	20		8	9	1	Black-capped Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch					1	Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch	1					White-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren	3	2	4	8	1	House Wren
Marsh Wren		1				Marsh Wren
American Dipper			1			American Dipper
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			1			Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird	3					Western Bluebird

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	7	8	11	22	28		3	10	17	24	31	
	WGB	PNG	FCP	HRR	HLC		ROX	LLL	WTN	OSH	LWR	
Mountain Bluebird					13				1			Mountain Bluebird
Swainson's Thrush				1								Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush				1								Hermit Thrush
American Robin	16	2	11	10	9	6	15	1	28	3		American Robin
Gray Catbird					1			1		2		Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird		2		6								Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher				2								Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher			1									Brown Thrasher
American Pipit												American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing					16		5					Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike		11		3								Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	35	7	24	15	18		50	3	17	3		European Starling
Solitary Vireo					3							Solitary Vireo
Warbling Vireo					2			1		2		Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo								1				Red-eyed Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler	5		1									Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler	1	2	7	4	16		1m1f	46	4	2		Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler	25									2		Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler		2	21									Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race												"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race		2	10			1						"Audubon's" race
Northern Waterthrush			1									Northern Waterthrush
Common Yellowthroat	1		1	1	2		1		9			Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-breasted Chat		2	1h		3			5		6		Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager	5				1			1	1			Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak					1							Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak					3					2m1f		Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting								48		16		Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting		1								2		Indigo Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee		1								2		Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee	1	2	2		11	40			10	8		Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow	16	14		2	1	1				1		Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow	1	1										Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow				1								Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow		4			9					1		Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow		8	1	30						2		Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting		40		40			1					Lark Bunting
Grasshopper Sparrow				1								Grasshopper Sparrow
Song Sparrow	5		7	1	2		3		14	2		Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow		6										White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco						1						Dark-eyed Junco
McCown's Longspur		36										McCown's Longspur
Red-winged Blackbird	16	14	26	16	18			80		35		Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	1	14	4	70	9	1		40	2	4	6	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird	3	7		25				26				Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird		17	3									Brewer's Blackbird
Great-tailed Grackle				1								Great-tailed Grackle
Common Grackle	22	5	14	10	9		45	4	25			Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird			2	8	11			8	1		6	Brown-headed Cowbird
Orchard Oriole				7								Orchard Oriole

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	7	8	11	22	28		3	10	17	24	31	
	WGB	PNG	FCP	HRR	HLC		ROX	LLL	WTN	OSH	LWR	
Northern Oriole	2											Northern Oriole
"Baltimore" race			1								8	"Baltimore" race
"Bullock's" race		1	7	6	9				3	7	1	"Bullock's" race
Cassin's Finch								10		12	1	Cassin's Finch
House Finch	20		4	12	6							House Finch
Red Crossbill					1						4	Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin					4							Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch					2				1		4	Lesser Goldfinch
"Green-backed" race												"Green-backed" race
"Black-backed" race												"Black-backed" race
American Goldfinch	10		9		4				2	3	5	American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	30	4	13	112	4			25		15		House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	49	61	59	72	60		29	56	42	36	41	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	379	394	408	793	350		166	873	318	285	144	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Spring Count

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	12	14	14	14	15	15	15	
	CCK	CSR	WTJ	WTD	BLP	BSP	RMA	
Pied-billed Grebe	2			8		6		Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe		5		3		15		Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	10	8				25	2	Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe						1		Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican	9				14	20	5	American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	15	103	11	5	48	225	2	Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	7	36	5	2	20		6	Great Blue Heron
Green-backed Heron							1	Green-backed Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5	1			2	3		Black-crowned Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis	2							White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose	24	8	18		35	50	110	Canada Goose
Wood Duck			9			6		Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	5	4		4	4	10	1	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	30	20	3	7	22	50	13	Mallard
Northern Pintail					4	10		Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal	3		4		11	10	5	Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal		1		4	27	10	6	Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	10	10	10	3	25	10	1	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	8	5	4	32	6	10	2	Gadwall
American Wigeon					8	2	2	American Wigeon
Redhead			1		8	10	41	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck				3				Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup				1			6	Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead				16				Bufflehead
Common Merganser		6	5					Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser	1							Red-breasted Merganser
Ruddy Duck	12			3		20		Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture			1	10				Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle					3	2a3i		Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier	3				6	3		Northern Harrier

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	12	14	14	14	15	15	15	
	CCK	CSR	WTJ	WTD	BLP	BSP	RMA	
Cooper's Hawk			1					Cooper's Hawk
Swainson's Hawk	2			1	16	3	16	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk	3		2	2	3		8	Red-tailed Hawk
western races		4						western races
Ferruginous Hawk							3	Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle			2			1	3	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	4	3	2		6	3	6	American Kestrel
Merlin					1			Merlin
Prairie Falcon				1				Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant	5				3	8	4	Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail	8	1	2		1		3	Virginia Rail
Sora	2				1			Sora
American Coot	5			2	8	20	16	American Coot
Black-bellied Plover		1						Black-bellied Plover
Killdeer	10	5	3		19	7	11	Killdeer
American Avocet			3		44		1	American Avocet
Spotted Sandpiper	5	3	3			15	1	Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper							1	Upland Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper							1	Semipalmated Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher		2			2			Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe					3	1		Common Snipe
Franklin's Gull		1				1		Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull		6			8	10		Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	1	3				10		California Gull
<i>Larus</i> species	4							<i>Larus</i> species
Common Tern					3			Common Tern
Black Tern	2					5		Black Tern
Rock Dove	8	3	1		65	6		Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	42	11	6		70	35		Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo						1		Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Barn Owl							3	Barn Owl
Great Horned Owl		2		1	3a1l	1	4	Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl					12		8	Burrowing Owl
Long-eared Owl					1			Long-eared Owl
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		2	2			1		Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	1	3	3		1	2	2	Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker						1		Red-headed Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker	4		7		2		5	Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race		1						"Batchelder's" race
eastern races		6				3		eastern races
Northern Flicker								Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	5	13	6			10	7	"Red-shafted" race
Western Wood-Pewee		1	1				2	Western Wood-Pewee
Least Flycatcher		2						Least Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> species		1						<i>Empidonax</i> species
Say's Phoebe			1	2			2	Say's Phoebe
Western Kingbird	12	3	1		85	25	9	Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird					3	20	4	Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark					65		7	Horned Lark
Tree Swallow	6	18	152			10	1	Tree Swallow

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	12	14	14	14	15	15	15	
	CCK	CSR	WTJ	WTD	BLP	BSP	RMA	
Violet-Green Swallow		55	210		1		2	Violet-Green Swallow
No. Rough-winged Swallow	2	7	1	2		3	1	No. Rough-winged Swallow
Bank Swallow		1						Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow	2	47	1	25	20	5		Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	12	6	14		75	10	6	Barn Swallow
Blue Jay	2		2			5	3	Blue Jay
Scrub Jay			1					Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	45	18	6		32	20	28	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	10	3	1				1	American Crow
Common Raven		2		1				Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	10	12	7			20	5	Black-capped Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1		Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch		1	1					White-breasted Nuthatch
Rock Wren	1							Rock Wren
House Wren	12	24	42			20	21	House Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		1	2			1	2	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Swainson's Thrush						11		Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush						1		Hermit Thrush
American Robin	50	14	6		55	25	16	American Robin
Gray Catbird		3	1	1		4		Gray Catbird
Cedar Waxwing			7					Cedar Waxwing
European Starling	50	45	10		145	75	61	European Starling
Solitary Vireo						1	1	Solitary Vireo
Warbling Vireo		1	7			4	2	Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo			1					Red-eyed Vireo
Tennessee Warbler						1		Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler			1					Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler						1		Nashville Warbler
Virginia's Warbler						1		Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler	12	9	42			10	18	Yellow Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler						1		Chestnut-sided Warbler
Magnolia Warbler						1		Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler			2					Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race	2	3	9			10		"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race	2	3	12			10	5	"Audubon's" race
Blackpoll Warbler						1		Blackpoll Warbler
American Redstart			5					American Redstart
MacGillivray's Warbler						2		MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat	12	7	8		4	3	8	Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-breasted Chat		7	10					Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager		4	2			2	1	Western Tanager
Rose-breasted Grosbeak			1			1		Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Black-headed Grosbeak			5			2	2	Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting	3	2	12			1		Lazuli Bunting
Lazuli x Indigo hybrid	1							Lazuli x Indigo hybrid
Green-tailed Towhee	1					2		Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee		12	17					Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow	50	1	6			30		Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow	9					2	1	Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow						1	2	Brewer's Sparrow

	12	14	14	14	15	15	15	
	CCK	CSR	WTJ	WTD	BLP	BSP	RMA	
Vesper Sparrow		2		6			1	Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow	3	2						Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting					10		3	Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow				1	1			Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow	15	5	10		3	6	4	Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow	1							White-crowned Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird	45	22	28		120	75	100	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	20	17	10	5	75	35	67	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird	8			3	80	25		Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird	5	3		12	2			Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	100	11	2		80	75	8	Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	40	6	11			10	9	Brown-headed Cowbird
Northern Oriole								Northern Oriole
"Baltimore" race					1			"Baltimore" race
"Bullock's" race	8	12	6		1	30	22	"Bullock's" race
House Finch	80	5	2		17		31	House Finch
Lesser Goldfinch			3					Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch	40	21	12			6	9	American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak		1						Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	30				120	10	19	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	65	69	69	29	58	88	71	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	958	697	805	166	1511	1260	790	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL MAY 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-necked Grebe 5/7 through 5/16 (1ab) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, VT, LL (F)

5/14 (1ab) Lake Henry, Crowley County KS

5/14 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County JM, JTB

Great Egret 5/4 (2a) CO 119 0.75 mi west of I-25, Weld County KS

5/7 (1a) Thomas Reservoir, Road 119 north of Arapahoe Road, Boulder County KS

5/10 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JR, CW

Snowy Egret 5/8 (6) Lake San Greco, Adams County DL

5/24 (2) Lake San Greco, Adams County DL

Little Blue Heron 5/11 Walden Ponds, Boulder County SP, MP

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Green-backed Heron 5/7 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/18 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/26 (1) Pond S of 74th Ave. b/w South Platte River & I-76, Adams County DL
 Hooded Merganser 5/13 (1f) Clear Creek, W of confluence w/S. Platte R., Adams County DL, JF, RW
 Mississippi Kite 5/7 (2) Lamar, Prowers County BP, VT, LL
 Northern Goshawk 5/11 (1, migrating) Elkhorn Atlas Block, Park County DB
 Broad-winged Hawk 5/3 (1) Clear Creek, west of Kipling near Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County PE
 5/15 (1i) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP, MJ
 Merlin 5/21 (1) Road 3, South of Titan Road, Douglas County KS
 Peregrine Falcon 5/17 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW, HK, UK
 Chukar 5/28 (1) Cameo, Mesa County DB
 Wild Turkey 5/14 (1f) Old Pueblo Road, south of Fountain, El Paso County KS
 5/16 (3m, 1f) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County KS
Black Rail 5/7 (6h) Bent's Old Fort & Fort Lyon Marsh, Otero & Bent Counties BP, VT, LL (F)
 Black-bellied Plover 5/6 (14) Sugar City, Crowley County DB
 5/12 (6) Lake Cheraw, Otero County CW
 5/14 (1) Milligan Lakes, Road 34, Park County, 9600 ft KH, SS
 Piping Plover 5/24 (1m) Upper Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County BP, CW (F)
 Snowy Plover 5/1 (approx. 15) Lake Cheraw, Otero County Bob, LaB
 5/14 (4) Lake Cheraw, Otero County JM, JTB
 Mountain Plover 5/24 (1a, 3j) Brown Sheep Camp, Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site, Las Animas Co. RB
 5/28 (2) Rte 59, 12.5 mi N of CO 14, Pawnee Nat'l Grasslands, Weld Co. BoB, LaB
 Black-necked Stilt 5/1 (approx. 10) Lake Meredith, Crowley County BoB, LaB
 5/1 (approx. 10) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BoB, LaB
 American Avocet 5/1 through 5/31 (2m, 2f) Quebec and I-270, Adams County JTB
 Whimbrel 5/7 (10) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, VT, LL
 5/8 (1) Pond near Roads 122 and 45, Weld County JTB, JMo
 5/16 (1) Lake Meredith, Crowley County KS
 5/24 (1) Nee Shah Reservoir, Kiowa County CW, BP
 Marbled Godwit 5/14 Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County SP, MP
White-rumped Sandpiper 5/16 (2) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, MJ, TB
 5/26 (2) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County KS
 Pectoral Sandpiper 5/24 (1) Nee Shah Reservoir, Kiowa County CW, BP
 Wilson's Phalarope 5/1 (2000+) CO 94, Prowers County JTB, JM
 Red-necked Phalarope 5/7 (1) Fowler Sewage Ponds, Otero County BP, VT, LL
 5/14 (3) Lake Cheraw, Otero County JTB, JM
Laughing Gull 5/22 through 5/24 (1i) Upper Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County MJ, BP (F)
 Common Tern 5/4 (1) CO 119 0.75 mi west of I-25, Weld County KS
 5/7 (1) Near Las Animas, Bent County BP, VT, LL
 Least Tern 5/24 (2) Upper Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County BP, CW

Band-tailed Pigeon 5/14 (1) Rye, Pueblo County BP, VT
 Black Swift 5/28 (12) Ouray, Ouray County DB
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 5/22 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County RF, KC
 Barn Owl 5/7 (1) John Martin Reservoir, Bent County BP, VT, LL
 Eastern Screech-Owl 5/7 (1) Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County BP, VT, LL (F)
 Western Screech-Owl 5/7 (1) Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County BP, VT, LL
 Short-eared Owl 5/24 (1) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County BP, CW
 Northern Saw-Whet Owl 5/19 (1a) Southeast side of Barr Lake, Adams County AW
 Common Poorwill 5/28 Old Stage Road, Boulder, Boulder County SP, MP
 Black-chinned Hummingbird 5/27 (1m) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP
 Lewis' Woodpecker 5/4 (2) Roads 5 and 36, Weld County KS
 5/15 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County JK, CW
 5/21 Button Rock Reservoir Road, Boulder County SP, MP
 Red-naped Sapsucker 5/28 (1f) Road 21A at Illinois River, 8 mi E of CO 125, Jackson County KS, JS
 Three-toed Woodpecker 5/14 (1f) Ben Tyler Trail, south of Bailey, Park County SSe
 Olive-sided Flycatcher 5/14 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County DB
 Willow Flycatcher 5/5 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS
 5/16 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ
 Least Flycatcher 5/24 (3) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County BP, CW
 5/29 (2) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson County BoB, LaB
 Hammond's Flycatcher 5/31 (1c) Apex Trail, Jefferson County KS
 Dusky Flycatcher 5/31 (1c) Apex Trail, Jefferson County KS
 Eastern Phoebe 5/14 (1) Near Beulah, Pueblo County BP, VT
 5/31 (1c) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County KS
 Vermilion Flycatcher 5/12 (1m, 1f, nesting) Hasty Campground, John Martin Res., Bent Co. CW (F)
 5/15 through 5/25 (1m) Hasty Campground, John Martin Reservoir, Bent County KS, DB, BP, MJ, TB
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 5/7 (1) Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County BP, VT, LL
 Great Crested Flycatcher 5/7, 5/16, 5/25 (1) Ft Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County VT, LL, MJ, TB, CW, DN
 5/16, 5/24, 5/25 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ, CW
 Rock Wren 5/14 (1) Road 35, Park County, 9800 ft KH, SS
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5/1 (5) Lake Henry, Crowley County BoB, LaB
 5/7 (2) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County BoB, LaB
 5/8 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BoB, LaB
 Eastern Bluebird 5/5 through 5/10 (1ms) Turkey Creek Maps Station, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB
 Veery 5/9 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/13 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/14 (1) Last Chance Rest Stop, Washington County CW
 5/15 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County JK, CW
 5/24 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County BP, CW

Northern Mockingbird 5/14 (1) Road 35, Park County, 9800 ft KH, SS
 Sage Thrasher 5/28 (4) Road 9, west of CO 14, North Park, Jackson County KS, JS
 Bell's Vireo 5/24 (2s) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County BP, CW
 Red-eyed Vireo 5/22 (1s) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ
 5/24 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County BP, CW
 5/25 (1s) Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County BP, CW, DN
 5/27 (1s) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP, TB
Blue-winged Warbler 5/21 (1mb) Mines Park, Golden, Jefferson County RF, KC (d)
 5/21 (1ms) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County BP (F)
Golden-winged Warbler 5/21 (1m) Dowdy Draw, Boulder County SP, MP
 Tennessee Warbler 5/8 (1f) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/9 (1f, different bird) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/12 (1m) Hasty Campground, John Martin Reservoir, Bent County CW
 (1m) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County JK, CW
 5/24 (1f) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County BP, CW
 Chestnut-sided Warbler 5/21 (1ms) Colorado Springs, El Paso County BP, TB, JR
 Magnolia Warbler 5/16 (1ms) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 5/13 (1ms) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW (F)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 5/30 (4ms) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont County BP
 Townsend's Warbler 5/7 (2) Below Two Buttes Dam, Baca County DB
 5/8 Hannah Ranch SWA, El Paso County BP
 Black-throated Green Warbler 5/9 (1m) Lake Henry, Crowley County (F)
Blackburnian Warbler 5/15 (1ms) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP (F)
Yellow-throated Warbler 5/8 (1) Hannah Ranch SWA, El Paso County BP (F)
 Grace's Warbler 5/29 (1) Havilland Lake, La Plata County DB
Prairie Warbler 5/7 (1f) Hasty Campground, Bent County BP, VT, LL (F)
 5/18 and 5/19 (1ms) 4 mi NW of Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW, HK, UK
 Blackpoll Warbler 5/3 (1ms) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County CW
 5/9 (1ms) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/9 (1m) Hannah Ranch SWA, El Paso County BP
 5/9 (1ms) Lake Henry, Crowley County CW
 5/10 (1m, different bird) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 Black-and-White Warbler 5/7 (1f) Road JJ east of Fort Lyon, Bent County BP, VT, LL
 5/9 (1m) Lake Henry, Crowley County CW
 American Redstart 5/16 (1m, 1f) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ
 5/24 (1m) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County BP, CW
 5/27 (1ms) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP
 5/28 (2ms) Upstream of Kingfisher Bridge, Jefferson County JTB
Prothonotary Warbler 5/21 and 5/25 (1ms) Las Vegas St., Colorado Springs, El Paso County CW, BP, JR, TB (F)

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- Worm-eating Warbler 5/11 (1) Turkey Creek Maps Station, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB
 5/14 (1) West end of Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County DB
 5/19 (1a) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW (F)
- Swainson's Warbler 5/1 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County MJ, BP (F)
- Ovenbird 5/13 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/14 (1s) Old Lake Isabel Road, Pueblo County BP, VT
- Northern Waterthrush 5/7 through 5/19 (up to 5) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/14 (1s) Frog Pond, Colorado City, Pueblo County BP, VT
 5/21 (2) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP
- Kentucky Warbler 5/19 (1m) Homestead Trail, Castlewood Canyon SP, Douglas County KS (F)
- Mourning Warbler 5/26 (1m) Crow Valley Campground., Pawnee Nat'l Grasslands, Weld Co. KS (F)
- Hooded Warbler 5/16 through 5/23 (1f, banded) Turkey Ck Maps Sta., Ft. Carson, El Paso Co. RB, SB
 5/22 (1ms) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ (F)
- Summer Tanager 5/7 through 5/9 (1f) 0.3 mi east of Hale, Yuma County CW
 5/7 (1f) Road JJ east of Fort Lyon, Bent County BP, VT, LL
 5/8 and 5/9 (1f) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/15 (1ms) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County CW, JK
 5/17 (1mi) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
 5/18 (1f) Dowdy Draw, Boulder County SP, MP
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5/12 (1m, 1f) Olney Springs SWA, Crowley County CW
 5/12 through 5/15 (1m, 1f) Green Mountain Falls, Teller County, 8100 ft RB
 5/14 (1m) Lake Henry, Crowley County KS
 5/29 (1) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson County BoB, LaB
- Indigo Bunting x Lazuli Bunting hybrid 5/28 (1ma) Dowdy Draw, Boulder County SP, MP
- Dickcissel 5/22 (5s) East of Hud's Campground on US 50, Bent County BP
- Field Sparrow 5/15 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County CW, JK
- Sage Sparrow 5/28 (1) Pawnee Nat'l Grasslands, NW of Crow Valley Cmpgrnd, Weld Co. BoB, LaB
- White-throated Sparrow, "Tan-striped" 5/7 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
- Harris' Sparrow 5/9 (4, alternate plumage) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County CW
- Bobolink 5/21 (1m) Castlewood Canyon State Park, Douglas County BP
 5/25 (4m, 2f) Castlewood Canyon Road, 2 mi south of the park, Douglas County AS
- Great-tailed Grackle 5/7 (approx. 10) near Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County BoB, LaB

AS = Aaron Sell, AW = Alan Wallace, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, CW = Chris Wood, DB = Dan Bridges, DL = David Laliberte, HK = Hugh Kingery, JBH = JB Hayes, JF = Jim Fredlund, JM = Jean Maguire, JMo = Jean Morgan, JR = Joe Roller, JS = Jim Schofield, JTB = Joe Ten Brink, KC = Ken Cruikshank (West Lafayette, IN), KH = Kathy Hawkins, KS = Karleen Schofield, LaB = LeaAnn Brown, LL = Lindsay Lilly, MP = Myron Plooster, PE = Patty Echelmeyer, RB = Richard Bunn, RF = Robert Fleming, RW = Ralph Wiersma, SB = Susan Blackshaw, SP = Suzi Plooster, SS = Syl Sather, SSe = Steven Segal, UK = Urling Kingery, VT = Van Truan

a = adult, c = calling, d = some details provided, f = female, F = for submitted or available, i = immature,
 j = juvenile, m = male, s = singing

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July DFO Field Trips

July 2 through 4, Saturday through Monday. North Park, Arapahoe NWR, and Colorado State Forest. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0900 on Saturday at Safeway parking lot in Fraser. Spend Saturday and Sunday nights in Walden (North Park Motel 1 303 723-4271), or camp in primitive campground one mile north of town. Bring lunch for three days. Call leader if going. Park pass required for Colorado State Forest.

July 9, Saturday. Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Meet to carpool at 0625 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet group at 0800 at Visitor Center east of Beaver Meadows entrance to park. US Park Pass required for each vehicle. Bring lunch.

July-10, Sunday. Pawnee National Grasslands and intermittent lakes. Leader: Dick Pratt (788-0604). Meet at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History at City Park. Bring lunch.

July 16, Saturday. Filius Park, Echo Lake, and Summit Lake. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on Union just south of West 6th Avenue, or at 0800 at Filius Park. Bring lunch.

July 17, Sunday. Park County, Jefferson, Georgia Pass, and Hack Ranch. Leader: Carol Hack (777-

7893). Meet at 0700 to carpool east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center (on South Sheridan just north of US 285). Meet leader at 0830 across US 285 from Texaco station in Jefferson. Bring lunch.

July 23, Saturday. High Country birding – Silverthorne area. Leader: Virginia Bleck (320-6130). Carpool at 0630 at the Park-and-Ride on the east side of Union just south of West 6th Avenue, or meet at 0800 at parking lot of the Wendy's in Silverthorne. Bring lunch.

July 24, Saturday. Cherry Creek State Recreation area. Leader: Walt Hackney (750-2823). Meet at 0700 at west gate of SRA east of Cherry Creek High School (east from Yosemite at Union, south and east to gate). Park Pass required. Lunch optional.

July 30, Saturday. Chatfield State Park. Leader: Phil Hayes (425-5448). Meet at 0630 at the Park-and-Ride on west side of South Wadsworth, south of US 285 (Hampden), or at 0645 at west gate of park. Bring lunch.

July 31, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Museum of Natural History at City Park, or at 0745 at Nature Center in park. Bring water to carry. Lunch optional. State Park Pass required.



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PROGRAM: To be announced

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

Spring Count Update

May 15, Sunday (CCN)

Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Ursula Barsch, Carol Drew, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Helen Williams. (Sunny; Wind 0 to 20 mph; 45 to 70°F). 10 mi by car, 7 mi on foot. 0500-1700. (66 species; 773 individuals).

June 1994 (mostly) Field Trip Summary

May 1, Saturday (WRP)

White Ranch Park. Leader: Randy Lentz. Observers: Marlene Andrews, Ruth Bull, Mary C. Berger, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Chris Kermiet, Jean McClenathen, Sharon Polhamus, Jeff and Toni Rautus, Chuck Walters, Amy Young. (Sunny; Wind 0 to 5 mph; 45 to 60°F). 4.5 mi on foot. 0630-1130. (34 species; 163 individuals).

June 4, Saturday (LYO)

Lyons area. Leader: Raymond Davis. Observers: Don Beltz, Gail Campbell, Chuck Lowrie, John Myers, Amy Young. (Clear; calm; 75°F). 0800-1400. (41 species; 211 individuals).

June 11, Saturday (APX)

Apex Park. Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Mary Burger, Rick Lesch, Mort Staatz, Dick Williams. (Clear; Wind variable 0 to 5 mph; 50 to 75°F). 0 mi by car, 5 mi on foot. 0600-1130. (46 species; 247 individuals).

June 12, Sunday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Don and Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Kitty Albee, Marlene Andrews, Ursula Barsch, Richard Cookingham, Ruth Deffenbaugh, Scott Fitzmorris, Deana Hruby, Frank Jelstrap, Pearl Jordan, Jeanne Kilmer, Rick Lesch, Eric Lindberg, Margy Mills, Candace Mills, Steve Segal, Barbara Smith, Chuck Walters, Amy Young. (Clear; Wind W 1 to 4 mph; 67 to 94°F). 20 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0730-1430. (52 species; 810 individuals)

June 15, Wednesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Marlene Eggerling. Observer: Karleen Schofield. (Sunny; Slight breeze; 55 to 80°F). 5 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0700-1300. (43 species; 721 individuals).

June 18, Saturday (BAR)

Barr Lake State Park. Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. Observers: Gary and Kathy Hughes, Louise Kamp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Buzz Schaumberg, Chuck Walters. (Overcast to sunny; Calm; 65 to 80°F). 4 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0800-1200. (45 species; 491 individuals).

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June 19, Sunday (BCN)
Boulder Canyon, Nederland, Hessie,
Arapahoe Ranch. Leader: Bob Jickling.
Observers: Wendell Argabrite (Huntington, WV),
George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Chuck and
Mary Metzger, John Myers. (Clear then cloudy;
Wind W 2 to 30 mph; 66 to 82°F). 46 mi by car,
3 mi on foot. 0800-1400. (31 species,
203 individuals).

June 25, Saturday (RMP)
Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader:
Bob Righter. Observers: Don Beltz, Bob
Bierling,
Jenny Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Marlene Eggerling,
Donna Flageolle, Terry Flageolle, Alan Hay,
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Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Chuck Walters, Susan
Ward. (Clear; Wind W 0 to 15 mph; 50 to 85°F).
40mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0800-1600.
(49 species; 180 individuals).

June 26, Sunday (EVT)
Eldorado View Trail (Boulder City Open Space).
Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster. Observers:
Jay Berger, Bob Bierling, Jen Bierling, Nancy
Bierling, Sherry Chapman, Lenore Dimond,
Warren Roske, Traci, Margo, and Robin Ward
Shimel, Mort Staatz. (Clear; Calm; 75 to 90°F).
0 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0815-1200.
(31 species; 205 individuals).

Tuesday Birders, compiled by Monna Krebs
June 7 (LLR)
Los Lagos near Rollinsville. Leaders: Phyllis
Baldwin and Ann Bonnell. 45 observers.
39 species; 176 individuals.

June 14 (SBG)
Stapleton Park, Braille Trail, and Genesee Park.
Leader: Else Van Erp. 39 observers. 40 species;
164 individuals.

June 21 (SJI)
Sedalia, Dr. Duncan's Ranch, Jarre Canyon to
Indian Creek. Leader: Else Van Erp.
28 observers. 38 species; 117 individuals.

June 27(?) (EWC)
Estes Park, Wild Basin, Calypso Cascades Trail,
Prather & Betsy Ashe property. Leaders: Ann
Bonnell, Prather & Betsy Ashe. 32 observers.
30 soecies; 108 individuals.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 135 species was reported from the 10 scheduled field trips and 4 Tuesday Birder's trips in June, shown on Table 1 (Pages 108-111). Also, 44 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 179 species were reported to the DFO for the month of June, 1994.

Members on the trip to Barr Lake, led by Lee and Marilyn Rowe on the 18th, were treated to the sight of an adult fox and three kits.

DFO members JB Hayes and Susan Worth Jenkins recently had photographs featured in publications of the American Birding Association (ABA). The photographers were winners in a contest co-sponsored by the ABA and the US Forest Service, in conjunction with the publication of Bird Finding in Forty National Forests and Grasslands, a 186-page supplement to Birding, the ABA's bi-monthly magazine.

The top prize went to Susan, who submitted a photo of Sandhill Cranes which appears on the front cover of the Bird Finding supplement. In the June issue of Birding, the photo by JB of Barn Owls peering from their roosting cavity in a dead cottonwood at Chatfield won grand prize, while a second photo of his was awarded fourth place. Another of Susan's photos, depicting Pronghorn in Douglas County in winter, garnered third place and appeared opposite the owls. Both photographers have had their work featured in other nature and wildlife books, calendars, and local newspapers. The ABA publications are available for purchase by calling 800 835-2473, or writing the ABA at:
PO Box 6599
Colorado Springs, CO 80934.

On the June 27th Tuesday Birders' trip to the Estes Park area, at least three birders got close-up views of two Red-headed Woodpeckers. Also, on the trip to Genesee Park on the 14th, birders saw 2 pairs of Western Bluebirds feeding young, and a Warbling Vireo on the nest.

Highlights of the DFO Southeastern Arizona trip led by Bob Righter from April 29 to May 10 included all of the expected specialties -- 9 hummingbirds, 18 flycatchers, and 17 warblers. Most important, a wonderful time was had by all. Participants were: Ruth Boyer, Myron and Suzi Plooster, David Rhodes, Judy Scheer, and Linda Vidal.

DFO members Dieter and Alicia Kamm are offering a birding trip to Costa Rica from November 25 to December 11. The trip will cost approximately \$1850 per person, and the group is limited to 10-12 participants. The tour is mainly geared towards birdwatchers but anyone with a love of nature who enjoys hiking several miles a day and doesn't mind getting up very early on some days will be considered. A current passport is needed, vaccinations are not necessary, and the water in Costa Rica is absolutely safe to drink, and the food is fantastic. Costa Ricans are well known for their hospitality.

Included in the cost are airfare, 16 nights' hotel accommodations, 2 bi-lingual guides, private bus with Costa Rican driver, and meals for 6 days of the trip. It is expected that participants will easily see 200 to 250 species on the trip. For more information or a detailed itinerary, contact Dieter or Alicia Kamm at 697-9681.

DFO member Joe TenBrink has had an article accepted by Bird Watcher's Digest. Entitled "Lucky Jeanie", the article is about long-time DFO Secretary Jean Maguire, and will appear in the September issue (out in August).

Editor's Corner

As Editor of the Lark Bunting, I would like to thank all of the DFO members and officers who contribute to make my job an easier one, and to make the Lark Bunting a better newsletter. The Lark Bunting is your publication, and I am looking for suggestions to make it what you want. Please let me know by calling 273-9230 (note that I can no longer be reached at 894-3265), or writing to the Editor, 4011 Douglas Mountain Drive, Golden 80403

In the future, there will be articles of local and topical interest on a more regular basis, and I am always looking for contributors. If you have an article, or an idea for one, that you think would be a good addition to the Lark Bunting, please contact me. Thanks again.

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	5/15	6/1	4	11	12	15	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	27	
	CCN	WRP	LYO	APX	CSP	CCR	BAR	BCN	AVR	EVT	LLR	SBG	SJI	EWC	
Northern Pygmy-Owl			1		1										Northern Pygmy-Owl
Common Nighthawk															Common Nighthawk
White-throated Swift	6	20	5		1			8	1	20					White-throated Swift
Calliope Hummingbird					1										Calliope Hummingbird
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird	6		2	3	1			25	4	3	13	20	9	12	Brd.-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	2		1		1										Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpckr.														2	Red-headed Woodpckr.
Red-naped Sapsucker								2	6						Red-naped Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker									4		1	1m1f			Williamson's Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker	2	1	1		1	1	3		1			1	1		Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker	1			1							1m1f			1m	Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mountain" race								2n							"Rocky Mountain" race
Northern Flicker			3								4	4	3	4	Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	5	3		2	3	1	4	6	4						"Red-shafted" race
hybrid							1								hybrid
Olive-sided Flycatcher												1			Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee			6	3	11	3	3+1n		1			1			Western Wood-Pewee
Dusky Flycatcher									1						Dusky Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher			2	5					1			4	1		Cordilleran Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> species											1				<i>Empidonax</i> species
Eastern Phoebe	1														Eastern Phoebe
Western Kingbird					4	1	12					1			Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird					3		10								Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark	1								4						Horned Lark
Tree Swallow	17				1	5	8	26	10		7		2		Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow	33	25	8		2			30	6	50	8	9		9	Violet-Green Swallow
N. Rough-wgd. Swallow	10						1								N. Rough-wgd. Swallow
Cliff Swallow	80		30	3	40										Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	7		12	6	6	6	8	4		20	5				Barn Swallow
Steller's Jay	4	7		12				6	3	2	1	4	3	2	Steller's Jay
Blue Jay		1	3										1		Blue Jay
Scrub Jay	7														Scrub Jay
Clark's Nutcracker									3			2			Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	10	3		7	10	14	24		7			3		5	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	2	2	2		2			3	3	4	11	4	6	6	American Crow
Common Raven	3	2			2				3	2	1	1	2	1	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	15	2	2	10	9		14			2			3		Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee	6	10		2				4	4		1	6	3	5	Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4	2		4				2n				3	2	1	Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch	6	2	1								2	2		3	White-breasted Nuthatch

	5/15	6/1	4	11	12	15	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	27	
	CCN	WRP	LYO	APX	CSP	CCR	BAR	BCN	AVR	EVT	LLR	SBG	SJI	EWC	
Pygmy Nuthatch	2	26							3		1	5	3		Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper									2						Brown Creeper
Rock Wren	4														Rock Wren
Canyon Wren	2														Canyon Wren
House Wren	32	1	2	3	15	3	18	6	9		1	3			House Wren
Marsh Wren						1									Marsh Wren
American Dipper	2							1	1					1	American Dipper
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								9	6	1	12	3		2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	12	1											5		Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird	26	4										8			Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird	20	4		3				5	4		3		2	2	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire		8		1								2			Townsend's Solitaire
Hermit Thrush									1				4		Hermit Thrush
American Robin	26	5	6	24	12	8	17	12	10	8	12	11	6	6	American Robin
Gray Catbird			1										1		Gray Catbird
American Pipit									11						American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing															Cedar Waxwing
European Starling	25		15	9	10	10	30						1	4	European Starling
Solitary Vireo	5		1									1			Solitary Vireo
"Plumbeous" race				4											"Plumbeous" race
Warbling Vireo				7	6			8	10		1	3+1n	5	3	Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo					1										Red-eyed Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler		2													Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler	4			6									2		Virginia's Warbler
Northern Parula				1											Northern Parula
Yellow Warbler	3		12	3	10	13	9	11			1		3		Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler									2					3	Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Audubon's" race	2	1						2			5		1		"Audubon's" race
American Redstart					3										American Redstart
Ovenbird													3		Ovenbird
MacGillivray's Warbler								2				1			MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat	1				2	19	6								Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler								3							Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat			2	1	4	1									Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager	2		6					2	1	2	1	3	1	1	Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak	8			5			1	3		6		1	2		Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting	1		2	4	2		2			6					Lazuli Bunting
Indigo Bunting					1										Indigo Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee	1	1		8						3		2		1	Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee	55	3	2	19	3					2			6		Rufous-sided Towhee

	5/15	6/1	4	11	12	15	18	19	25	26	7	14	21	27	
	CCN	WRP	LYO	APX	CSP	CCR	BAR	BCN	AVR	EVT	LLR	SBG	SJI	EWC	
Chipping Sparrow	14	5		2					3		3			2	Chipping Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow	27			2					1						Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow			2										2		Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting															Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow											1				Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow	3		1	2	5	25	1	4			2				Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow									3		2				Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow									6						White-crowned Sparrow
Eastern races												3	8	8	Eastern races
Dark-eyed Junco															Dark-eyed Junco
"Oregon" race											2				"Oregon" race
"Gray-headed" race		3		3				2	8						"Gray-headed" race
Bobolink	8														Bobolink
Red-winged Blackbird	56		4		11	200	30	6	5	5					Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	39	5		5	20	8	1	4		4	1		2		Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird	16						1				1	2	3		Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	8	1	10	16	11	150	60		3	10		1	3	1	Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	38	1	5	5	5	14			2	5	2m3f	3	3		Brown-headed Cowbird
Northern Oriole															Northern Oriole
"Bullock's" race			4	4	8	2	22+2n			8			1		"Bullock's" race
Cassin's Finch											3	1		9	Cassin's Finch
House Finch	3		10	12	12	7			4	10	1	7		5	House Finch
Red Crossbill									1			2			Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin	2			1					13		43	25	9		Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch			3	6	4					3					Lesser Goldfinch
"Black-backed" race	1														"Black-backed" race
American Goldfinch	16		2		5	12	12								American Goldfinch
House Sparrow			10	3		5	6								House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	66	34	41	46	52	42	45	31	49	31	38	40	38	30	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	773	163	211	247	810	721	491	203	193	205	173	164	117	108	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Common Loon 6/4 (1w, 1b) Jumbo Reservoir, Sedgwick County DB
Neotropic Cormorant 6/5 (1ab) Ireland Reservoir, Weld County KS, VK, mo
6/7 (1a) Ireland Reservoir, Weld County BP (F)
Snowy Egret 6/29 (2a) Lake Sahgreco, Adams County DL
Little Blue Heron 6/5 (1a) Ireland Reservoir, Weld County KS, VK, mo
6/7 (1a) Ireland Reservoir, Weld County BP (F)
Green Heron 6/9 (1a) Pond south of 74th Ave. between S. Platte River & I-76 DL, JF
6/23 (1a) Pond south of 74th Ave. between S. Platte River & I-76 DL, RW, SH
White-faced Ibis 6/10 (3) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo County KS, ME
Osprey 6/1 (1) Eastern Las Animas County BP
6/4 (2a3i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, JT, VT
Mississippi Kite 6/1 (10) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County BP
6/12 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County MP, SP
Wild Turkey 6/18 (8) Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County BoB, LaB
Mountain Plover 6/6 (1a) East of DIA on 88th Avenue north of Bennett, Adams County JTB, KS
Upland Sandpiper 6/4 (2) Near Joes, Colorado, Yuma County JTB, JM
6/5 (1) 10 mi. SW of Crook on US 138, Logan County BoB, LaB
6/23 (1) Crook, Logan County BP
Long-billed Curlew 6/12 (7) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County MP, SP
Arctic Tern 6/8 (1) Gravel pond upstream from Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County DB
Band-tailed Pigeon 6/24 through 6/26 (20) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
White-winged Dove 6/19 (1) Darley Avenue, Boulder, Boulder County MP, SP
Yellow-billed Cuckoo 6/16 through 6/30 (2) 1.3 mi. south of Parker, Douglas County JTB, mo
6/12 (2) Cottonwood Canyon Cmpgrd., Baca County KS, GE, HF, ME, MP, SP
Greater Roadrunner 6/5 (1) South of La Junta, Las Animas County BP
6/12 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County MP, SP
Barn Owl 6/12 (5) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County MP, SP
Flammulated Owl 6/8 (2+3h) Saint Charles Trail, Custer County BP, DS
Black Swift 6/21 (2) Ridgway State Park, Ouray County KS, ME
Chimney Swift 6/5 (1) Doudy Draw Trail, Boulder County KS, VK
Lewis' Woodpecker 6/9 (1) Douglas Mountain Drive, 12 mi. west of Golden, Jefferson County KH
6/28 (1) Near White Ranch, Jefferson County JTB
Red-bellied Woodpecker 6/18 (1) Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County BoB, LaB
Red-naped Sapsucker 6/24 (2n) Golden Gate State Park, Gilpin County JTB, SC
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 6/5 (5) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County BP
Olive-sided Flycatcher 6/24 (1) Golden Gate State Park, Gilpin County JTB, SC
Willow Flycatcher 6/24 (1) Golden Gate State Park, Gilpin County JTB, SC
Black Phoebe 6/17 (2) Uravan bridge, Montrose County DB
6/21 (1) Old iron bridge 1 mi. west of Uravan, Montrose County KS, ME (F)
Eastern Phoebe 6/1 & 6/5 (8) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County BP
6/11 (1) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County BoB, LaB
6/12 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County MP, SP
6/18 (1) Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County BoB, LaB
6/30 (1) Castlewood State Park, Douglas County JTB

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Ash-throated Flycatcher 6/12 (1) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County MP, SP
 Gray Jay 6/25 (2) Saint Charles Trail, Custer County BP
 Clark's Nutcracker 6/24 (1) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
 Chihuahuan Raven 6/1 & 6/5 (10) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County BP
 Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher 6/11 (5) Castlewood Canyon, Douglas County BoB, LaB
 6/25 (2) 2 mi. south of Parker on Cherry Creek, Douglas County BoB, LaB
 Bendire's Thrasher 6/21 (1) CO 141, between Slickrock and CO 145, San Miguel County KS, ME (F)
 6/23 (1ms) North of Del Norte on FS 660, 1.9 mi. E of FS 646, Saguache County KS, ME (F)
 Bell's Vireo 6/5 (1) Tamarack Ranch, Logan County BoB, LaB
 Gray Vireo 6/9 (1ms) Welsch Canyon, Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site, Las Animas County RB (d, v)
 6/20 (2) 0.5 mi. south of Exit 2 off I-70, Mesa County KS, ME
 White-eyed Vireo 6/15 (1s) Turkey Creek Maps Site, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB (d)
 Red-eyed Vireo 6/18 (1) Saint Vrain Creek, Lyons, Boulder County MP, SP
 6/25 (1ms) Lyons, Boulder County KS, ME
 Orange-crowned Warbler 6/24 (2) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
 Yellow-throated Warbler 6/5 (1ms) Mesa south end of Doudy Draw Trail, Boulder County KS, VK (F)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 6/9 (6m1f) Temple Canyon Park, Fremont County BP, DS
 6/21 (1m) Rest area on CO 141 NE of Gateway, Mesa County KS, ME
 Grace's Warbler 6/22 (1ms) Haviland Lake near campground, La Plata County KS, ME
 American Redstart 6/2 (1mj, 1ma) Turkey Creek Maps Site, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB, SB
 6/27 (2mj) Turkey Creek Maps Site, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB, SB
 Northern Waterthrush 6/1 (1s) Apex Trail, Jefferson County KS
 MacGillivray's Warbler 6/24 through 6/26 (1ms) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP
 Hooded Warbler 6/2, 6/16, & 6/17 (1fa, with brood patch) Turkey Creek Maps Site, Fort Carson, El Paso
 County RB, SB (this individual was banded in May of this year)
 Wilson's Warbler 6/24 (2n) Golden Gate State Park, Gilpin County JTB, SC
 Blue Grosbeak 6/1 through 6/30 (2n) 1.3 mi. south of Parker, Douglas County JTB, mo
 Painted Bunting 6/5 (1ms) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County BP (F)
 6/12 (1m) Cottonwood Canyon, 1.8 mi. south of cmpgrd., Baca County KS, GE, HF, ME, MP, SP
 Dickcissel 6/18 (10) Bonny State Reservoir, Yuma County BoB, LaB
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow 6/1 & 6/5 (6s) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca County BP
 6/9 (1ms) Welsch Cyn., Piñon Cyn. Mvr. Site, Las Animas County RB (d, v)
 Orchard Oriole 6/1 through 6/30 (6n) 1.3 mi. south of Parker, Douglas County JTB, mo
 6/29 (1m) Park at Cherry Creek, just south of Parker, Douglas County DL
 Scott's Oriole 6/20 (1ms) Dirt road north of exit 2 off I-70, Mesa County KS, ME
 Pine Grosbeak 6/12 (2) Feeder on W. Chicago Ck near Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County BoB, LaB
 Red Crossbill 6/12 (2) Feeder on W. Chicago Ck near Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County BoB, LaB

BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, DL = David Laliberte, DS = Drew Smith (Minnesota), GE = Gail Evans, HF = Howard Frisch,
 JF = Jim Fredlund, JT = Jolan Truan (Arizona), JTB = Joe TenBrink, KS = Karleen Schofield, LaB = LeaAnn Brown, ME = Marlene Eggerling,
 MP = Myron Plooster, RB = Richard Bunn, RW = Ralph Wiersma, SB = Susan Blackshaw, SC = Sherry Chapman, SH = Sherri Hilzer,
 SP = Suzi Plooster, VK = Vince Kloster, VT = Van Truan

a = adult, b = breeding plumage, c = calling, d = some details provided, f = female, F = form submitted, i = immature,
 j = juvenile, m = male, s = singing, v = video taken

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August DFO Field Trips

August 6, Saturday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: JB Hayes (798-9683). Meet at 0730 at west gate of park on South Wadsworth. + *

August 7, Sunday. Plum Creek. Leader: Ben Moore (989-0296). Meet at 0730 south of Albertson's on northwest corner of South Broadway and County Line road. £

August 13, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 0700 at Division of Wildlife on North Broadway. Take 58th Avenue exit from I-25, go west to Broadway, then north to office on west side of road. Or meet at 0730 at Nature Center in Barr Lake State Park. £ *

August 14, Sunday. Bear Creek -- Plains to Mountains. Leader: Cal Wichern (693-3718). Meet at 0800 east of Pancake House in Bear Valley Shopping Center, on east side of South Sheridan, north of US 285 (Hampden). £

August 18 through 21, Thursday night through Sunday. Wet Mountains west of Pueblo. Leader: Brandon Percival (1 719 547-3722). Meet Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 9 PM at the Saint Charles Trail, 4 miles north of San Isabel on Highway 165. Park on east side of road. We will look for Northern Saw-Whet and Flammulated Owls. Bring flashlight. Daytime birding will start at 8 AM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the St. Charles Trail. Friday and Saturday, we will bird around the San Isabel area, including the Percival cabin. Sunday we will visit Colorado City and Rye areas. Target birds are

Band-tailed Pigeon, Three-toed Woodpecker, Blue Grouse, Calliope and Rufous Hummingbirds, Townsend's Warbler, and other common mountain species. Birding will end around 5 PM each day. Bring rain gear (they don't call them the Wet Mountains for nothing), and bring lunch for all days. Come for any or all days. Camping area at Lake Isabel, also Lake Isabel Lodge in San Isabel (1 719 489-2280).

August 20, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Brckon (455-0970). Meet at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on South Wadsworth just east of US 285 (Hampden) or at 0815 in the Safeway parking lot in Conifer. £

August 21, Sunday. Bailey to Georgetown via Guanella Pass. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0700 at Park-and-Ride on South Wadsworth just south of US 285 (Hampden). £

August 27, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. +

August 28, Sunday. Roxborough SRA. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 0730 at Roxborough Reception Center. £ *

£ = Bring lunch, * = Park Pass required, + = half-day trip

Field trips coordinated by:
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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 7, 1994

PROGRAM: The Status of Peregrine Falcons and Bald Eagles in Colorado
By Jerry Craig, Raptor Biologist, Colorado Division of Wildlife

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

July 1994 Field Trip Summary

July 2 through 4, Sat. thru Mon. (NPK)
North Park, Middle Park, Willow Creek, Colorado State Forest, Windy gap, Arapahoe NWR.
Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: Celia Brezner, Mary Brezner, Ruth Breckon, Ruth Bull, Bob and Oveta DeBoer, Stan and Betty Harwood, Kurt Hebner, Jeff Kuesel, Harry Kuesel, Tim Kuesel, Stacy Lyon, Stephanie Mendoza, Shirley Spencer.
(Mostly clear, afternoon rain on Sunday; Wind mostly W 0 to 30 mph; 60° to 85°F).
150 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 32 hours birding.
(91 species; 2,202 individuals)

July 9, Saturday (RMP)
Rocky Mountain National Park. Leader: Ed Holub.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, George Armbrust, Matt and Pia DeVries, Phil Hayes, David Laliberte, Buzz Schaumberg, Vito Tursi, Ralph and Emilie Wiersma. (Clear; Wind N 0 to 10 mph; 55° to 81°F). 60 mi by car, 1.5 mi on foot. 0800-1635.
(55 species; 280 individuals).

July 10, Sunday (PNG)
Pawnee National Grasslands, Crow Creek, Northeastern Colorado lakes. Leader: Dick Pratt.
Observers: Miriam Friggens, Ann Southcott.
(Mostly clear; Wind variable 5 to 15 mph; 101°F).
200 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0730-1800.
(64 species; 2,246 individuals).

July 16, Saturday (FES)
Filius Park, Echo Lake, Summit Lake, and West Chicago Creek. Leader: Lynn Willcockson.
Observers: Marlene Andrews, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Leslie Kunz, Eric Lindberg, Gordon and Doris Lindberg, Brandon Percival, Rocky Reynebeau, Ernest Roberts (England), Ira Sanders, Anne Southcott. (Partly cloudy; Wind variable 5 to 20 mph; 60° to 75°F). 66 mi by car, 3 mi on foot.
0800-1500. (43 species; 172 individuals).

July 17, Sunday (SPK)
South Park - Georgia Pass, Hack Ranch, Milligan Lakes. Leaders: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins.
Observers: Cleta and Roy Abbott, Karen Cloverstrom, Phil Hayes, Marta Lindsay, Suzi and Myron Plooster, Jack Reddall, Syl Sather, Liz and Lynn Willcockson, Any Young. (Clear, sunny; Wind 0 to 5 mph; 55 to 80°F). 41 mi by car, 3.5 mi on foot. 0830-1645. (73 species; 610 individuals)

June 23, Saturday (SLV)
Silverthorne area, including Ryan Gulch, Heaton Bay Picnic Area, and Blue River Campground.
Leader: Virginia Bleck. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Mary Burger, Phil Hayes, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Buzz Schaumberg, Vito Tursi, Dick Williams, Helen Williams. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind W 0 to 5 mph; 60 to 78°F). 30 mi by car, 4 mi on foot. 0815-1500. (44 species; 278 individuals).

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July 24, Sunday (CSP)
Chatfield State Park (Douglas and Jefferson Counties). Leader: Phil Hayes. Observers: Matt DeVries, Mary Dommermuth (Florida), Karen Donnerstag, Alan and Dee Hay, Betty Herriott (New York), Clint Jones, Alberta Nelson, Dick Pratt, Rocky Reynebeau, Tim Schowalter, Mort Staatz. (Sunny to partly cloudy; Wind SW 1.25 to 4 mph; 18 to 34°C). 25 km by car, 8 km on foot. 0645-1315. (51 species; 315 individuals).

July 31, Sunday (BAR)
Bark Lake State Park. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Myriam Friggens, Betty and Stan Harwood, Betty Herriott (New York), John Hyers, Ernest Roberts (Grantham, England). (Overcast with occasional breeze; Wind NW 2 to 4 mph; 76 to 85°F). 10 mi by car, 4 mi on foot. 0800-1600. (57 species; 804 individuals).

Tuesday Birders,

compiled by Monna Krebs

July 5 (GGB)
Grant, Guanella Pass, and Burning Bear Campground to Georgetown. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 25 observers. 29 species; 89 individuals.

July 12 (BSE)
Bergen Park, Squaw Pass, Echo Lake, and Chicago Creek. Leader: Else Van Erp. 33 observers. 23 species; 120 individuals.

July 19 (EME)
Evergreen Lake, Mount Evans Elk Management Area, Groundhog Flats, Grass Creek Trail. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 31 observers. 38 species; 194 individuals.

July 26 (CKH)
Conifer, Kenosha Pass to High Creek Fen, Milligan Lakes. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers. 42 species; 385 individuals.

Editor's Note: Please remember that the Editor can now only be reached at 273-9230. All previous numbers will no longer work.

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 157 species was reported from the 8 scheduled field trips and 4 Tuesday Birder's trips in July, shown on Table 1 (Pages 120-123). Also, 43 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 200 species were reported to the DFO for the month of July, 1994.

DFO members Dieter and Alicia Kamm are offering a birding trip to Costa Rica from November 25 to December 11. The trip will cost approximately \$1850 per person, and the group is limited to 10-12 participants. The tour is mainly geared towards birdwatchers but anyone with a love of nature who enjoys hiking several miles a day and doesn't mind getting up very early on some days will be considered. A current passport is needed, vaccinations are not necessary, and the water in Costa Rica is absolutely safe to drink, and the food is fantastic. Costa Ricans are well known for their hospitality.

Included in the cost are airfare, 16 nights' hotel accommodations, 2 bi-lingual guides, private bus with Costa Rican driver, and meals for 6 days of the trip. It is expected that participants will easily see 200 to 250 species on the trip. For more information or a detailed itinerary, contact Dieter or Alicia Kamm at 697-9681.

Bird Class

Urling and Hugh Kingery will resume teaching their beginners' Bird class this fall. The class consists of two evening sessions (September 22 and another to be announced), and six Saturday field trips (September 24 to October 15, November 5 and 12). Sign up with the Denver Audubon Society, 8751 East Hampden, Suite A-1, Denver 80231 (696-0877).

Highlights from the trip to Silverthorne on the 23rd include a female Common Merganser trying to shepherd 12 new hatchlings upriver and out of sight. Several people in the group got good views of a Fox Sparrow, a life bird for some of them.

Several people on the trip to Filius Park, etc. on the 16th had excellent looks at the Three-toed Woodpecker from about thirty feet at eye level. The birds seen at Summit Lake were: American Pipit, Baird's Sandpiper, and Brown-capped Rosy Finch.

Trip notes: The Fox Sparrow seen on the 10th was of the Slate-colored race. The Northern Orioles seen on the trip to Chatfield on the 30th were all Bullock's, and the Lesser Goldfinch was the "Black-backed" race. All Yellow-rumped Warblers reported on DFO trips were "Audubon's". All Dark-eyed Juncos were "Gray-headed".

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Contributions to the Colorado Rare Bird Alert in July

Bob and LeaAnn Brown

Many DFO members expressed interest in seeing the list of birds from the record Colorado Big Day that

Joey Kellner and Chris Wood had (with the help of driver Walt Hackney) on May 15. So, here it is:

Pied-billed Grebe	Virginia Rail	Eastern Kingbird	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Red-necked Grebe	Sora	Horned Lark	American Redstart
Eared Grebe	American Coot	Tree Swallow	Common Yellowthroat
Western Grebe	Snowy Plover	Violet-Green Swallow	Yellow-breasted Chat
Clark's Grebe	Semipalmated Plover	North Rough-winged Swallow	Summer Tanager
American White Pelican	Killdeer	Bank Swallow	Western Tanager
Double-crested Cormorant	Mountain Plover	Cliff Swallow	Black-headed Grosbeak
Great Blue Heron	Black-necked Stilt	Barn Swallow	Blue Grosbeak
Great Egret	American Avocet	Steller's Jay	Lazuli Bunting
Snowy Egret	Lesser Yellowlegs	Blue Jay	Indigo Bunting
Cattle Egret	Spotted Sandpiper	Scrub Jay	Green-tailed Towhee
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Upland Sandpiper	Pinyon Jay	Rufous-sided Towhee
White-faced Ibis	Marbled Godwit	Black-billed Magpie	Canyon Towhee
Canada goose	Sanderling	American Crow	Chipping Sparrow
Wood Duck	Western Sandpiper	Common Raven	Clay-colored Sparrow
Green-winged Teal	Least Sandpiper	Black-capped Chickadee	Brewer's Sparrow
Mallard	Baird's Sandpiper	Mountain Chickadee	Field Sparrow
Northern Pintail	Stilt Sandpiper	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Vesper Sparrow
Blue-winged Teal	Long-billed Dowitcher	Pygmy Nuthatch	Lark Sparrow
Cinnamon Teal	Wilson's Phalarope	Rock Wren	Lark Bunting
Northern Shoveler	Franklin's Gull	Bewick's Wren	Savannah Sparrow
Gadwall	California Gull	House Wren	Grasshopper Sparrow
American Wigeon	Forster's Tern	Marsh Wren	Song Sparrow
Redhead	Black Tern	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	Lincoln's Sparrow
Ring-necked Duck	Rock Dove	Western Bluebird	White-crowned Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	Mourning Dove	Mountain Bluebird	Dark-eyed Junco
Common Goldeneye	Barn Owl	Townsend's Solitaire	McCown's Longspur
Bufflehead	Great Horned Owl	Veery	Chestnut-collared Longspur
Common Merganser	Burrowing Owl	Swainson's Thrush	Bobolink
Ruddy Duck	Common Poorwill	Hermit Thrush	Red-winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Chimney Swift	American Robin	Western Meadowlark
Bald Eagle	White-throated Swift	Gray Catbird	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Northern Harrier	Broad-tailed Hummingbird	Northern Mockingbird	Brewer's Blackbird
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Belted Kingfisher	Brown Thrasher	Great-tailed Grackle
Swainson's Hawk	Lewis' Woodpecker	Curve-billed Thrasher	Common Grackle
Red-tailed Hawk	Williamson's Sapsucker	Loggerhead Shrike	Brown-headed Cowbird
Ferruginous Hawk	Hairy Woodpecker	European Starling	Northern Oriole
Golden Eagle	Northern Flicker	Solitary Vireo	Cassin's Finch
American Kestrel	Gray Flycatcher	Warbling Vireo	House Finch
Prairie Falcon	Cordilleran Flycatcher	Red-eyed Vireo	Pine Siskin
Ring-necked Pheasant	Eastern Phoebe	Tennessee Warbler	American Goldfinch
Northern Bobwhite	Say's Phoebe	Virginia's Warbler	House Sparrow
Scaled Quail	Ash-throated Flycatcher	Yellow Warbler	
Black Rail	Western Kingbird	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Also, an unidentified owl

Editor's Corner

A couple of months back, I was telling a friend (via interoffice Email) how excited I was to be going to the American Birding Association convention in Minot, ND. It was to be, I explained, in addition to good field trips and presentations, a time to reflect on the past 25 years of organized birding. When she inquired what had changed the most, I thought for a while, and eventually responded that it probably was the development of a more comprehensive, formalized set of ethics in birding, and the increased awareness, politically and ecologically, that necessarily came with it. The following is excerpted from our Email correspondence:

Why would anyone fly to North Dakota? By the way, why is the birdwatchers convention there, are there lots of cool birds there right now, or migrating through or what?

Well, it's kind of an anniversary of sorts -- the first ABA Convention was held in Minot in 1973, and so this is a kind of re-assessment of the organization, where we've been, where we're headed, etc. The ABA went through some rough times in the mid-eighties, and moved the base of operations from Texas to Colorado Springs, where they remain strong today. So in addition to being a reunion of the first convention-goers, it will be a kind of affirmation that the organization is in good shape, and maybe a progress report on what the next 20 years is likely to bring. It will shift I think, inevitably, to being more active environmentally.

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So far, the ABA has kind of remained on the outskirts of the cause, encouraging members to participate in whatever way was relevant (individually), but I think there will end up being a land-purchasing segment, an activist segment, etc.. It is a risk, because we don't want to hinder the environmental movement by getting pigeon-holed (ha!) and labeled as bird-huggers or whatever, and thus summarily dismissed. I don't see any way around it, though. I also think the organization will start alienating some of the membership, because of its strong (and getting stronger) ethical stance.

The credo (or charter, or whatever) of the ABA speaks strongly of ethical responsibility in birdwatching, such as not flushing a bird just so you can say you saw it, not going onto private property without permission, allowing people to "officially" count birds that are heard but not seen (reducing the pressure on the bird), not interfering with nesting birds, etc. (there's a bunch more along the same lines). This is a problem for some people because they don't agree with the restrictions (or they would be interested in changing the wording, or voting on such things, in a more political atmosphere), and for others because they just want birdwatching to be a fun thing without having to get political and having to think about heavy things like that. And also some people just don't like rules. One of the things that originally attracts people to birdwatching is that it doesn't (or so they think) have rules.

Indeed there are rules, but you don't have to follow them if you don't want to. If, however, it is important to a birder to be recognized in the official community, then that birder must follow the rules laid out for reporting and recording sightings. You can, or course, always lie about it. Anyway, just the fact that these rules exist turns some people off, and since the ABA as one of the "official" (and indeed probably the largest without a large research aim) organizations is tending towards establishing more restrictions (all for the sake of the birds themselves), more and more people will be defecting or becoming less active (politically) in the organization. This in turn will make the vehement ones more vehement, since those who might have stood up against them will have stopped being interested in participating in a stilted, abstract, conceptual rule-making discussion, because they're out watching birds....

So anyway, the convention should be fun. We probably won't see any of that stuff since it goes on behind the scenes and at scheduled meetings anyway. We will be at seminars learning about how to identify shorebirds, and on field trips to see lots of local nesters. One reason why Minot was originally chosen is that ND is the southernmost nesting site for a lot of the migrants that go through the US in the spring and fall. It is also the easternmost part of the range for many western birds, and the westernmost part of the range for many eastern birds. In addition, North Dakota has more National Wildlife Refuges than any other state.

Wow! This is fascinating. I can see that even this most (supposedly) un-worldly & innocent of activities is not immune from politicization and the pressures of the modern world. If you were into more active role in such an organization, where would you fall out on the continuum of radical environmentalist to unworldly bird cataloguer?

I think that the continuum is of course more than one-dimensional (don't ask me how many, though), but I would be (am?) somewhere close to the end of ethical behavior. It is more important to continue the existence of the birds than to be able to say that you have seen one.

Well, Stacy and I did end up having a great time in Minot. Among the great field trips and workshops (and meeting Roger Tory Peterson), I attended a panel discussion on ethics, where attendees were invited to step up to the mike and speak their piece about anything related to ethics in birding — a very wide scope, obviously. Many members seem to have particular issues which are more important to them, and many got up to talk about their own. Of course, not enough time was allotted, and it was the wrong forum for any decisions to be made, but I think it served to allow those who really had something on their chest to let off a little steam.

Just the fact that the opportunity was there impressed me, though, and I am interested in seeing where this goes. What do DFO members think? Should the DFO be concerned as an organization with ethical issues? Is it appropriate or desirable for the DFO to take an official stand or particular side of an issue? Is there interest in forming working groups to grapple with local and/or regional issues of concern? How about national and international issues? Should we stay out of all that, and simply talk birds?

So, dear DFO members, what do you think? Drop me a line, or leave a message at 273-9230.

Table 1 - July Field Trips

	2-4	9	10	16	17	23	24	31	5	12	19	26	
	NPK	RMP	PNG	FES	SPK	SLV	CSP	BAR	GGB	BSE	EME	CKH	
Pied-billed Grebe	1				1		1	3				1	Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe	22				20							12n	Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	2						1	1					Western Grebe
American White Pelican	11		17		2			23				5	American White Pelican
Double-crstd. Cormorant	38		61				35	29					Double-crstd. Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	5		4		1		6	19	1				Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret								6					Snowy Egret
Black-crnd. Night-Heron	6		3					1i					Black-crnd. Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis	1												White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose	405	5	20		30		2	225				30	Canada Goose
Wood Duck			1					3					Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal			4		8							7	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	24	17	11	2	35	3a6i	11	3a7i			14a10i	30	Mallard
Northern Pintail					2							6	Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal	1		11		1								Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal	11		5		4								Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler	3				2								Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	50				30			4				12	Gadwall
American Wigeon	244												American Wigeon
Redhead	3				4							4	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	11				3							16	Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	4				30							3	Lesser Scaup
Bufflehead					6							5	Bufflehead
Common Merganser	36					1a12i	21						Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck	16		3		20							10	Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture							1		1		5	2	Turkey Vulture
Osprey						1a1i							Osprey
Bald Eagle								2a3i					Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier	5						1						Northern Harrier
<i>Accipiter</i> species													<i>Accipiter</i> species
Swainson's Hawk	8	1	11		2			3				4	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk			3			1		1	1		1	6	Red-tailed Hawk
Western races	1	1		3	1		3						Western races
Ferruginous Hawk			2							1		3	Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle					1						1		Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	2		7					3				1	American Kestrel
Prairie Falcon	1											2	Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant								1					Ring-necked Pheasant
White-tailed Ptarmigan		2											White-tailed Ptarmigan
Northern Bobwhite			4										Northern Bobwhite
Sora					1								Sora
American Coot	60				25			1				8	American Coot

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	2-4	9	10	16	17	23	24	31		5	12	19	26	
	NPK	RMP	PNG	FES	SPK	SLV	CSP	BAR		GGB	BSE	EME	CKH	
Semipalmated Plover								1						Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer	17	1	10		2	1	2	27					7	Killdeer
Mountain Plover			1											Mountain Plover
American Avocet	22		4											American Avocet
Lesser Yellowlegs			2					5						Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper								1						Solitary Sandpiper
Willet	24													Willet
Spotted Sandpiper	3			1		2	1	4				1		Spotted Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper				1				17						Baird's Sandpiper
Common Snipe	8	2			2	1						1	1	Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope	7				30								12	Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull								8						Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull			2				1	5						Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	648	4	10	1	1	22	4	21						California Gull
Forster's Tern	6		2					1						Forster's Tern
Black Tern	1													Black Tern
Rock Dove	2		2				3	8						Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	5		100		2		17	20						Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl			1											Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl			4					6						Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk	6		6											Common Nighthawk
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird	16	5		9	10	3	2			5	26	4	3	Brd.-tailed Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird				6	9	4					2	1		Rufous Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	2		3			1	7			1		1m		Belted Kingfisher
Red-naped Sapsucker	10	3			5	5				2				Red-naped Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker		1			1m									Williamson's Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker			3		3	1		3						Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race				1										"Batchelder's" race
Eastern races							4							Eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker					1	2								Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mountain" race				5										"Rocky Mountain" race
Eastern races							1							Eastern races
Three-toed Woodpecker				3							2a2i			Three-toed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker			4							4		1	5	Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	3	4		3	3	3	4	6						"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher					3									Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	2	2	4		4	1	4	3						Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher	2													Willow Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher	1													Dusky Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher		3								1	3	5		Cordilleran Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> species		1												<i>Empidonax</i> species
Say's Phoebe	3													Say's Phoebe

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	NPK	RMP	PNG	FES	SPK	SLV	CSP	BAR		GGB	BSE	EME	CKH	
Western Kingbird	1		50				1	39						Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird			15				3	32						Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark	12	5	200		9								40	Horned Lark
Tree Swallow	6	18			75	26	1					4		Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow	9	5		4	1	12	2			2	5	6		Violet-Green Swallow
N. Rough-wgd. Swallow							5							N. Rough-wgd. Swallow
Bank Swallow			10											Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow	24		350		32	2	5	2					35	Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	24		200		3	1	9	35		6		9	9	Barn Swallow
Gray Jay	6			4		2				1	3			Gray Jay
Steller's Jay		9		9		17				4	8		3	Steller's Jay
Blue Jay			6											Blue Jay
Clark's Nutcracker	3	11		6	1						8			Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	8	20	10		5	2	6	7					3	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	23	3		8		2		2		3	1	6		American Crow
Common Raven	4	5		5	4	2				5	6	3	20	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	8	1					8	8						Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee	3	5		3	4	7				5	6	10		Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch		2		1								9		Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch						1								White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch		2		4										Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper		1												Brown Creeper
House Wren	3	10	12	6	4	2	6	5		1	2	8	3	House Wren
Marsh Wren			25											Marsh Wren
American Dipper		1								1		2		American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet				1										Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	12	11			4	7				5	4	1		Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Western Bluebird				4										Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird	13	4		2	16					2			40	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire	1				2	1h						1i	2	Townsend's Solitaire
Veery	2+1h													Veery
Hermit Thrush		2			4					1	2	2		Hermit Thrush
American Robin		12	20	9	9	11	9	6		13	10	6	1	American Robin
Northern Mockingbird		1	12											Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher	7												1	Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher			2											Brown Thrasher
Bendire's Thrasher	1													Bendire's Thrasher
American Pipit		12		4										American Pipit
Loggerhead Shrike			6											Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	2		50		1		55	30						European Starling
Warbling Vireo		1												Warbling Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler							1							Orange-crowned Warbler

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	2-4	9	10	16	17	23	24	31		5	12	19	26	
	NPK	RMP	PNG	FES	SPK	SLV	CSP	BAR		GGB	BSE	EME	CKH	
Yellow Warbler	12		8		1	5	1	3						Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler	16	5		4	4	15				1	3	19		Yellow-rumped Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler	1	2												MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat			10				2							Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler	2	1		3	6	3				1	2	1		Wilson's Warbler
Western Tanager		4		1								1		Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak				4			1f							Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting							1m							Lazuli Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee				2								1		Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee							1							Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow		3	1	4	8	1	6	20				7		Chipping Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow	3		20											Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow	7				10									Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow	4		25		3		1	22						Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting			400											Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow	23	10			8								8	Savannah Sparrow
Fox Sparrow						1				1				Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow	5	2	2		2	3	2	1				5		Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow	13	12		8	6	11							1	Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow	24	2		7						6	2			White-crowned Sparrow
Eastern races					5	5								Eastern races
Dark-eyed Junco	2	18		3	7	5				6	4	3		Dark-eyed Junco
McCown's Longspur			20											McCown's Longspur
Chestnut-clrd Longspur			1											Chestnut-clrd Longspur
Red-winged Blackbird	18	5	50		6		7	20				12	12	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	3		100		3		2	13					10	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird	63		20		3			25					1	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird	9	6			4	13	1f	3					1	Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	7	2	200		8		13	3				6		Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	10	2	4	3	2			1			3	3		Brown-headed Cowbird
Northern Oriole			40				4	40						Northern Oriole
Brown-cppd. Rosy Finch		1		3						1				Brown-cppd. Rosy Finch
Pine Grosbeak	1f			1	4									Pine Grosbeak
Cassin's Finch				2	11	3								Cassin's Finch
House Finch	4	1		6			9	1						House Finch
Red Crossbill	5	4		1	7	19				5	10	4		Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin	24	5		14	23	28				3	5	15		Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch							1							Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch	4		2				18	2				1		American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	10	2	50	1			2	10				4		House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	91	55	64	43	73	44	51	57		29	23	38	42	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	2202	280	2246	172	610	278	315	804		89	120	194	385	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL JULY 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Brown Pelican 7/3 (1i) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County BP, MJ

Great Egret 7/29 (1a) South Platte River at 74th Avenue, Adams County DL

Snowy Egret 7/29 (12a, some on nests) Lake San Greco, Adams County DL

Cattle Egret 7/17 (65) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County KS

Green Heron 7/14 (1a) Pond s. of 74th Ave. between S. Platte River and I-76, Adams County JF, RW, SH

Snow Goose 7/3 (5) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County BP, MJ

7/17 (1, injured) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County KS

American Black Duck 7/12 (1) Nee Noshe Reservoir, Kiowa County BP

Osprey 7/19 (1) Haviland Lake, La Plata County BP

Blue Grouse 7/4 (2), 7/2 (1), 7/3 (1a, 2i), 7/4 (3) Near Critchell, Jefferson County AH, DH

7/27 (1) Cloudland PG, 3 miles east of Echo Lake, Clear Creek County AH, DH

Wild Turkey 7/4 (3) Near Critchell, Jefferson County AH, DH

7/17 (4m) Tamarack SWA, Logan County KS

7/23 (5f) Boulder Mountain Parks, Boulder County MP, SP

Piping Plover 7/12 (1m, 1f, 1i) Upper Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County BD, BP (F)

Mountain Plover 7/2 (7) Road T, 2 miles east of CO 101, Bent County BD, BP, VT

Solitary Sandpiper 7/29 (4) South Platte River, just west of 74th Avenue, Adams County DL

Willet 7/17 (2) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County KS

Upland Sandpiper 7/17 (1) Roads 52 and 97, Weld County KS

7/17 (1) Roads 52 and 89, Weld County KS

Long-billed Curlew 7/2 (3) Road T, 2 miles east of CO 101, Bent County BD, BP, VT

Marbled Godwit 7/3 (1) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, MJ

Least Sandpiper 7/20 Union Reservoir MP, SP

Baird's Sandpiper 7/20 Union Reservoir MP, SP

Stilt Sandpiper 7/12 (50) Upper Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County BD, BP

7/20 Union Reservoir MP, SP

Black Tern 7/20 Union Reservoir MP, SP

Yellow-billed Cuckoo 7/2 (2) Parker Regional Park, Douglas County BoB, JTB, LaB

Barn Owl 7/16 (1) Harmony Drive, Pueblo West, Pueblo County BP

Flammulated Owl 7/9 (2 + 6h) Saint Charles Trail, Custer County BP, LL

7/22 (2 + 4h) Saint Charles Trail, Custer County BP, DS

7/24 (2 + 4h) Saint Charles Trail, Custer County BP, SB

Great Horned Owl 7/16 (1, pale, possible albino) SE shore, Little Jumbo Res., Road 95, Logan County KS

Black Swift 7/20 (1) Ouray, Ouray County BP

Magnificent Hummingbird 7/22 (1am) Near Wetmore, Custer County BP, RM

Black-chinned Hummingbird 7/23 (1f) Near Wetmore, Custer County BD, BP, DS, KY, VT

Calliope Hummingbird 7/10 (1f) Timber Creek Campground, Rocky Mountain NP, Grand County BoB, LaB

7/16 intermittently to 7/31 (2m, 2f) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ

7/20 (2m) Elbert County Road 94, Elbert County MC

7/23 (12m, 12f, 6i) Near Wetmore, Custer County BD, BP, DS, KY, VT

7/23 (5a) Peaceful Valley, Boulder County MP, SP, mo

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Broad-tailed Hummingbird 7/23 (50m, 30f, 20i) Near Wetmore, Custer County BD, BP, DS, KY, VT
 7/23 (300+) Peaceful Valley, Boulder County MP, SP, mo

Rufous Hummingbird 7/6 (4m) Peaceful Valley, Boulder County MP, SP
 7/10 (5m) Timber Creek Campground, Rocky Mountain NP, Grand County BoB, LaB
 7/20 to 7/23 (3m) Elbert County Road 94, Elbert County MC
 7/23 (26m, 18f, 26i) Near Wetmore, Custer County BD, BP, DS, KY, VT
 7/23 (7a) Peaceful Valley, Boulder County MP, SP, mo

Lewis' Woodpecker 7/16 (2) Tamarack SWA, Logan County KS

Three-toed Woodpecker 7/9 (1f) Ophir Creek Road, Custer County BD, BP, VT
 7/14 (1m) Echo Lake Campground, Site #12, Clear Creek County MP, SP
 7/17 (1) Echo Lake Campground, near Site #11, Clear Creek County BoB, LaB

Willow Flycatcher 7/2 (1) Parker Regional Park, just south of Parker, Douglas County BoB, DL, JTB, LaB

Least Flycatcher 7/3 (1c) Chatfield SP, s of Kingfisher Bridge, w of S. Platte R., Jefferson County BoB, LaB

Great Crested Flycatcher 7/16 (1) Tamarack SWA, Logan County KS

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher 7/26 (1f) 6 miles south of Glenwood Springs, Garfield County BP (F)

Purple Martin 7/20 (1m) 8 miles south of Glenwood Springs, Garfield County BP

Golden-crowned Kinglet 7/14 (approx. 20) Echo Lake Campground, Clear Creek County BoB, LaB

Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher 7/2 (2) Parker Regional Park, just south of Parker, Douglas County BoB, LaB

Eastern Bluebird 7/16 (1f, 2i) Tamarack SWA, Logan County KS

Swainson's Thrush 7/9 (3s) Ophir Creek Road, Custer County BD, BP, VT

Sage Thrasher 7/14 (1a) 64th Avenue and York at South Platte River, Adams County JF, RW, SH
 7/17 (9) Road 52, east of Road 89, Weld County KS
 7/19 (5) 3 miles south of Fort Garland, Costilla County BP
 7/27 (30a & j) Dowdy Draw, Boulder County MP, SP

Bendire's Thrasher 7/19 (1s) 1.9 miles n. of FS Roads 640 & 660, near Del Norte, Rio Grande County BP

Bell's Vireo 7/16 & 7/17 (4s) Tamarack SWA, Logan County KS

Gray Vireo 7/20 (1s) Stateline Juniper Stand, west of Grand Junction, Mesa County BP

Red-eyed Vireo 7/13 (1am) Meadow Park, Lyons, Boulder County MP, SP

Orange-crowned Warbler 7/18 (1) Percival Cabin, Custer County BP

Nashville Warbler 7/19 (2) Haviland Lakes Campground, North of Durango, La Plata County BP

Grace's Warbler 7/19 (1m, 1f, 1i) Haviland Lakes Campground, North of Durango, La Plata County BP

Blue Grosbeak 7/16 (1m) Tamarack SWA, Logan County KS

Lazuli Bunting 7/27 (6m, 1f) Dowdy Draw, Boulder County MP, SP

Indigo Bunting 7/27 (3m, 2f) Dowdy Draw, Boulder County MP, SP

Indigo x Lazuli Bunting hybrid 7/27 (1) Dowdy Draw, Boulder County MP, SP

Dickcissel 7/16 (1m, 1f, 1i) Road 93, between South Platte River and US 138, Logan County KS
 7/17 (1ms, 1f) CO 55, 0.5 mi south of Crook, Logan County KS

Field Sparrow 7/16 (1) CO 55, 1.5 mi south of Crook, Logan County KS

Black-throated Sparrow 7/20 (2) Stateline Juniper Stand, west of Grand Junction, Mesa County BP

Sage Sparrow 7/19 (3) 3 miles south of Fort Garland, Costilla County BP

Grasshopper Sparrow 7/16 (1ms) Tamarack SWA, east of CO 55, Logan County KS

Bobolink 7/16 (21m, 2i) Road 93, between South Platte River and US 138, Logan County KS

Orchard Oriole 7/2 (4am, 1af) Park at Cherry Creek, just south of Parker, Douglas County DL

Pine Grosbeak 7/9 (7) Ophir Creek Road, Custer County BD, BP, VT

Lesser Goldfinch "Black-backed" race 7/1 through 7/31 (5) Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ

AH = Alan Hay, BD = Bob Dickson, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, DH = Dee Hay, DL = David Laliberte, DS = David Smith, JF = Jim Fredlund, JTB = Joe TenBrink, KS = Karleen Schofield, KT = Kristyn Truan, LaB = LeaAnn Brown, LL = Lindsay Lilly, MC = Mona Carlton, ME = Marlene Eggerling, MJ = Mark Janos, mo = many others, MP = Myron Plooster, RM = Reed Morris, RW = Ralph Wiersma, SB = Susan Blackshaw, SC = Sherry Chapman, SH = Sherri Hilzer, SP = Suzi Plooster, TJ = Tina Jones, VT = Van Truan

a = adult, b = breeding plumage, c = calling, f = female, F = form submitted, h = heard only, i = immature, j = juvenile, m = male, s = singing

September DFO Field Trips

September 3, Saturday. **Longmont & Lyons** area. Leader: Bill Prather (1 303 776-2191). Meet leader at 0730 at Jim Hamm Nature Center south of CO 66 on Boulder-Weld County Line Road (west of Union Reservoir). £

September 3 through 5, Saturday through Monday. **Southeastern Colorado**. Leader: Dan Bridges (755-7665). Meet on Saturday, September 3, at 0900 at Diamond Shamrock station in Ordway (at junction of CO 71 and CO 76). Spend Saturday night in Cottonwood Canyon (primitive camping) or Springfield (motels/good private campground). Spend Sunday night in Springfield or camping at Two Buttes. Trip will visit Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Cheraw, Blue Lake, Hasty Campground, and Nee-So-Pah and Queens Reservoirs on Saturday; Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Picnic Ground, and Bear Creek on Sunday; below Two Buttes dam, Lamar Community College woods, and Lamar city parks on Monday. Bring food and water for lunches and snacks for all three days.

Fall Count

For Fall Count Trips (except RMA), you may call the leader in advance, or simply arrive promptly at the designated meeting place.

September 11, Saturday. Waterton. Leader: Joe Roller (233-4476). Meet at the Waterton Bridge at 0630.

September 11, Saturday. Lower Bear Creek. Leaders: Bob Spencer (279-4682) and Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 0700 at Bear Valley Shopping Center (near International House of Pancakes), east of South Sheridan and north of US 285 (Hampden).

September 11, Saturday. Chatfield SRA. Leader: Joey Kellner (978-1748). Meet at 0600 at Swim Beach straight east of Deer Creek (west) entrance of the park (off CO 121, south of CO 470).

September 12, Sunday. Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Randy Lentz (680-3381). Call leader for details. Half day or full day optional.

September 12, Sunday. Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0630 at Picadilly Road and Bromley Lane.

September 12, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Norm Erthal (424-6747). Meet at 0630 at entrance station to Barr Lake State Park. This is a 10-mile, all-day hike around the lake.

Fall Count (continued)

September 12, Sunday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Participants must register with leader in advance (number of observers is limited).

September 14, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Mort Staatz (279-6169). Meet at 0630 at west gate of the SRA near Cherry Creek High School.

September 17, Saturday. **Parker Regional Park**. Leader: Sherry Chapman (699-1357). Meet at 0700 in front of former Albertson's store at intersection of Parker and Quincy. Will bird riparian habitat along Cherry Creek. ø

September 18, Sunday. **Evergreen area**. Leader: Dick Williams (674-0733). Meet at 0800 at Park-and-Ride at 4th and Union in Lakewood.

September 24, Saturday. **Rigli Ranch**. Leader: Joe Rigli (1-303-432-5200). Carpool at 0715 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park, or join group at 0800 at Pepper Pot restaurant in Hudson, Colorado (turn right from exit ramp). Meet leader about 0900 at ranch. From Hudson, go east on SR 52 approximately 32 miles until it turns north. Do not turn north, but continue east on Morgan County Road F to County Road 14. Turn left on CR 14, and go approximately 1 mile to first house on left (where two boxcars are visible). £

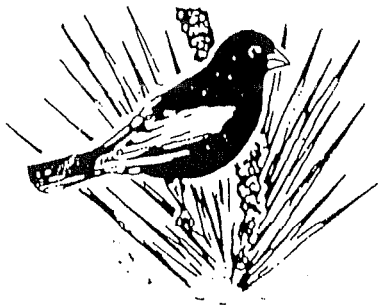
September 25, Sunday. **Wheat Ridge Greenbelt**. Leader: Bob Fleming (279-8122). Meet at 0730 at Prospect Park Lake south of West 4th Avenue near Robb Street. + ø

October 1, Saturday. **Boulder - Dowdy Draw and area lakes**. Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Meet to carpool at 0730 at Westminster Mall Park-and-Ride at 88th Avenue and Sheridan. Meet leaders at 0815 on south side of US Department of Commerce Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left again at next light, cross street at next light onto lab grounds. £

October 2, Sunday. **Adams County - Platte River**. Leader: David Laliberte (297-2504). Meet at 0730 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

£ = Bring lunch, + = half-day trip, ø = lunch optional

Field trips coordinated by:
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PROGRAM: Colonial Waterbirds of Colorado
By Dr. Ron Ryder, Professor of Biology, CSU, retired

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

August 1994 Field Trip Summary

July 24, Sunday (CCK)
Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Walt Hackney.
Observers: Kitty Albee, Ursula Barsch, Christina
Miller, Katelyn Miller, Kay Miller, Candace Mills,
Margaret Mills, Dave Rhodes, Sharon Schultz,
Barbara Smith. (Clear; Wind 0 to 5 mph; 65° to
90°F). 6.7 mi by car, 2.5 mi on foot. 0700-1500.
53 species; 683 individuals.

August 6, Saturday (CSR)
Chatfield State Recreation Area.
Leader: JB Hayes. Observers: Richard
Cookingham, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Lucy
Frisch, Betty Marsland, Sig Nelson, Ames Rau.
(Partly cloudy to clear; Wind N 0 to mph; 60° to
90°F). 15 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0730-1230.
57 species (+1 hybrid); 594 individuals.

August 8, Monday (PCK)
Plum Creek, Jarre Canyon, Jackson Creek.
Leader: Ben Moore. Observers: Ursula Barsch,
Barbara Jenkins, Betty Marsland, Mort Staatz,
Rocky Reynebeau. (Clear; Wind NW 0 to 3 mph;
65° to 75°F). 140 mi by car, 1 mi on foot.
No times reported. 40 species, 245 individuals.

August 13, Saturday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Norm Erthal.
Observers: Richard Cookingham, Gail Evans,
Sig Nelson, Rich Olson, Myron Plooster, Bob
Spencer. (Clear; 85°F). 4 mi by car, 3 mi on foot.
0730-1400. 52 species; 1,887 individuals.

August 14, Sunday (BCK)
Bear Creek. Leader: Cal Wichern. Observers:
Marlene Andrews, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider,
Evelyn Simpson, Hugh Rauatt. (Sunny; Calm; 70°
to 90°F). 45 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0800-1400.
39 species, 182 individuals.

August 18 through 21, Thursday through Sunday (WMT)
Wet Mountains including Percival Cabin,
Snowslide Trail, Saint Charles Trail, San Isabel,
Old Lake Isabel Road, Colorado City area, and
Burnt Mill Road. Leader: Brandon Percival.
Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling,
Jennifer Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Sherry
Chapman, Marlene Eggerling, Myriam Friggens,
Bob Goycoolea, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes,
Tim Kuesel, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster,
Claude Villieres, Bethany van Heukelein, Chuck
Walters. (Cloudy to Sunny, some rain; Wind
variable 0 to 20 mph; 38° to 94°F). 140 mi by car,
7 mi on foot. 36.5 hours birding.
107 species; 1,691 individuals.

August 20, Saturday (BRR)
Burland Ranchettes. Leader: Ruth Breckon.
Observers: Karin Donnerstag, Gail Evans,
Howard Frisch, Lucy Frisch, Alan Hay, Dee Hay,
Phil Hayes, Toby Titman, Eleanor White. (Clear;
Calm; 58° to 80°F). 15 mi by car, 2 mi on foot.
0815-1400. 31 species; 174 individuals.

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August 21, Sunday (BGG)
Bailey, Geneva Creek, Guanella Pass,
Georgetown. Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers:
Marlene Andrews, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch,
Lucy Frisch, Kent Kreider, Liz Kreider, Chuck
Lowry, Mary McFadden, Mort Staatz, Toby
Titman. (Clear, cloudy by noon; Wind W 5 mph;
55° to 75°F). 75 mi by car, 1 mi on foot.
0730-1500. 35 species; 156 individuals.

August 27, Saturday (WGB)
Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer.
Observers: Virginia Bleck, John Call, Dave
Carlstrom, Myriam Friggens, Gary Hughes,
Kathy Hughes, Diana Mullineaux, Sig Nelson,
Rick Olson, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster,
Liza Prall, Ed Rowland, Barbara Smith,
Mort Staatz, Ann Weeks (Washington DC).
(Mostly clear to clear; Calm; 65° to 85°F). 2.5 mi
on foot. 0730-1215. (45 species; 467 individuals).

August 28, Sunday (ROX)
Roxborough State Recreation Area.
Leader: Mort Staatz. Observers: Chris A. Eley,
Sue Kane, Peter Mulholland, Chuck Walters.
(Cloudy; Wind 3 to 4 mph; 75 to 85°F). 3 mi on
foot. 0730-1230. (25 species; 137 individuals).

Tuesday Birders. compiled by Monna Krebs

August 2 (LYO)
Lyons, Meadow Park and Peaceful Valley (Home
of Steve Bouricius). Leaders: Ann Bonnell, Ferd
Dirckx, Jo Dirckx. 40 observers.
31 species; 1,130 individuals.

August 9 (SBR)
Silverthorne - Blue River Quaking Creek Access &
Blue River Campground. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
26 observers. 31 species; 168 individuals.

August 16 (EVR)
Evergreen Lake to Alderfer Three Sisters Jeffco
Open Space Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
30 observers. 33 species; 131 individuals.

August 23 (CKP)
Conifer, Kenosha Pass, Pond, and West on
Colorado Trail. Leader: Ann Bonnell.
29 observers. 25 species; 91 individuals.

August 30 (BKP)
Bergen Park to Chicago Creek Trail Campground
via Squaw Pass to Summit Lake. Leader: Ann
Bonnell. 30 observers. 25 species; 86 individuals.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

A total of 163 species was reported from the 9 scheduled field trips (plus 1 in July) and 5 Tuesday Birder's trips in August, shown on Table 1 (Pages 131-134). Also, 29 species were reported as additional sightings and not reported on any DFO trip. Thus, 192 species were reported to the DFO for the month of August, 1994.

DFO members Dieter and Alicia Kamm are offering a birding trip to Costa Rica from November 25 to December 11. The trip will cost approximately \$1850 per person, and the group is limited to 10-12 participants. The tour is mainly geared towards birdwatchers but anyone with a love of nature who enjoys hiking several miles a day and doesn't mind getting up very early on some days will be considered. A current passport is needed, vaccinations are not necessary, and the water in Costa Rica is absolutely safe to drink, and the food is fantastic. Costa Ricans are well known for their hospitality. Included in the cost are airfare, 16 nights' hotel accommodations, 2 bi-lingual guides, private bus with Costa Rican driver, and meals for 6 days of the trip. It is expected that participants will easily see 200 to 250 species on the trip. For more information or a detailed itinerary, contact Dieter or Alicia Kamm at 697-9681.

Bird Class

Urling and Hugh Kingery will resume teaching their beginners' Bird class this fall. The class consists of two evening sessions (September 22 and another to be announced), and six Saturday field trips (September 24 to October 15, November 5 and 12). Sign up with the Denver Audubon Society, 8751 East Hampden, Suite A-1, Denver 80231 (696-0877).

Chatfield State Park seeks your help in developing two slide presentations. The first will be on the heron rookery. It will depict the succession from the old rookery to the new rookery. Any photos or slides from either location, as well as photos/slides of herons and cormorants, would be appreciated. The second program will be a more generalized program on "Wild Birds at Chatfield". Any photos or slides you have on birds at Chatfield - especially rare sightings - are requested. Contact Marylynn Henke or Mike Oehlkers at 791-7275 for additional information.

The following is from a letter we have just received from Ernest H. Roberts, of Grantham, England:
[Dear Sir,

On my recent visit to Denver I was lucky enough to join the DFO on two field trips. I should like to take this opportunity to thank the kind people who organized and conducted these two field trips.

The first trip was to Mount Evans (16th July), and the leader Lynn Willcockson. It was a really eventful day with lots of birds on the lower ground and on the mountain above the tree line. The Rosy Finch and Water Pipit were wonderful.

Back down at Echo Lake the hummingbirds, and an added bonus, the Three-toed Woodpecker, made it a really good day.

My second trip to Barr Lake (31st July) was led by Ruth Breckon who I thought was very patient with this thick Englishman, and explained and pointed out things of interest to me. I shall never forget, when observing one group of birds trying to identify them, someone saying "Oh, it's just another Oriole?" In Great Britain (another Oriole) would have had half the birders in Britain there with their telescopes!!

I didn't really think I would see Bald Eagles at their nest, but there at Barr Lake there they were along with their young.

Thank you all so much. I do hope that I can return the compliment one day, and show you our birds.

Ernest H. Roberts]

Another Bird Class

Tina Jones (794-2647) will be teaching a class entitled "Birdwatching Basics and Beyond" at the Denver Botanic Gardens, Morrison Center. It will meet September 26th & October 3rd (both are Mondays) from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Learn bird ID and helpful hints which are not in field guides, so that you can more easily identify birds. Also, learn to differentiate between similar species, such as Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks, etc. Call the Denver Botanic Gardens (370-8020) for fee info. or to register.

The Acorn Woodpecker(s) seen by many DFO members in the southernmost part of the state, near Raton, NM, is the first state record for the species. It is not clear how many individuals were present, nor for how long they remained in Colorado. The date range of the two parties reporting to the *Lark Bunting* indicate that they may have lingered for some time. Additional information is welcomed.

The Mississippi Kite seen by Dan Bridges in Prowers County on the 20th and 27th is very late in the year for being on the nest.

DFO members Lee and Marilyn Rowe report very good looks at a male Calliope Hummingbird perched on a fence wire at Barr Lake on the 7th. The bird was among a dozen or more hummingbirds feeding on Rocky Mountain bee plant flowers and perching nearby. The majority of the birds were Rufous, with some Broad-tailed Hummingbirds and at least one female Calliope.

Last month's *Lark Bunting* reported that Brandon Percival and Reed Morris had seen a Magnificent Hummingbird. Actually, only Reed saw it. In addition, the Bendire's Thrasher seen by Brandon was in Saguache County, not Rio Grande County.

We are sorry to report the death of long-time DFO member Henry Bossman. He is survived by his wife, Vi. Henry was an avid birder for many years, and until recently maintained membership in the DFO. Our sincere condolences to the Bossman family.

Several participants in the Wet Mountains trip who got good looks of a large owl in a dead tree deemed it a Spotted Owl, due to the round-headed look. Others thought it could be a Great Horned Owl, so it was decided to leave it as 'large mountain owl', shown as "unidentified owl" on Table 1. Other highlights included Canyon Towhee, Townsend's Warbler, Flammulated Owl, Blue Grouse, Northern goshawk, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Three-toed Woodpecker, and Cassin's Kingbird. Many people saw "lifers" on the trip.

The folks on the trip to Cherry Creek on July 24th had very good looks at a Sora, who stood in the open on a mud flat for quite some time.

Thanks to Karleen Schofield for the write-up of the changing Field Trip Scheduling Committee on Page 137, and thanks also for volunteering to help out the FTS. The hard work of the committee members over the years has made DFO trips the best around!

The Brown-headed Cowbird seen on the August 16 trip by the Tuesday birders was an immature, begging for food from its Warbling Vireo "parent".

Editor's Corner

Last month's subject brought in only a few (less than 10) responses, mostly confirming my suspicion that the majority of DFO members do not respond to questions in newsletters (me neither, usually). Almost all the respondents indicated that they would very much like to see the DFO remain outside political/environmental issues and stick simply to watching birds. I was referred to several organizations, including the Denver Audubon Society and the Colorado Field Ornithologists, which fill a different "niche" in the organization ecosystem. Several people, however, stressed that the DFO does need to be (and mostly is) very aware of birding ethics. It seems important that we all maintain a high standard, and not birdwatch at the expense of the birds we are watching by creating undue stress or repeated "flushing". This is probably a wise course for our organization. Our president, Joey Kellner, responded by explaining a little history of how the Denver Audubon Society was formed, and stressing that the DFO focus should be recreational and educational, as it always has been (and continues to be).

This month, I would like to shift gears, and ask DFO members how (and if) they keep track of the birds they see. Do you use a index cards? Loose-leaf notebooks? A computer? If so, what program? Do you like one program better than others, or did you write your own? Do you keep lists by the year, by the place, or just a life list? Please drop me a line or leave me a message (273-9230), and let me know. I will include the responses in an upcoming issue. As you can see, I am attempting to reverse the low response trend.

If you are particularly interested in a bird-related subject, or you are an "expert" or specialist on some avian/ornithological topic, I would like you to write an article for the *Lark Bunting*. The practical limit is two pages in length (but we could always serialize...), and any theme is welcome. Please contact me and we'll set things up. As always, if you can think of ways to improve the *Lark Bunting*, or have suggestions, please feel free to tell me what you think.

	7/24	6	7	13	14	18-21	20	21	27	28		2	9	16	23	30	
	CCK	CSR	PCK	BAR	BCK	WMT	BRR	BGG	WGB	ROX		LYO	SBR	EVR	CKP	BPK	
Pied-billed Grebe									2								Pied-billed Grebe
Eared Grebe		6				19											Eared Grebe
Western Grebe	1																Western Grebe
American White Pelican	19			26											3		American White Pelican
Double-crstd. Cormorant	14	55		56	5				6								Double-crstd. Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	7	4		19	1	3			2								Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret				1													Snowy Egret
Black-crnd. Night-Heron	1																Black-crnd. Night-Heron
Canada Goose	18	32		600					95								Canada Goose
Wood Duck						1			1f								Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal						10											Green-winged Teal
Mallard	26a11i	10		250	6	30			55				4	5	12		Mallard
"Blue-winged Teal" sp.				100													"Blue-winged Teal" sp.
Northern Shoveler				7					9								Northern Shoveler
Gadwall				2					5								Gadwall
Redhead	1																Redhead
Common Merganser		20															Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck				1													Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture	1		2		1	9	4						1	1	1	1	Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle				2													Bald Eagle
Cooper's Hawk						2				2							Cooper's Hawk
Northern Goshawk						1											Northern Goshawk
Swainson's Hawk	3			8		1											Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk		4		1											3	2	Red-tailed Hawk
Western races					1	7		2									Western races
Ferruginous Hawk						1											Ferruginous Hawk
<i>Buteo</i> species										1							<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle						1							1				Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	1	1			1	6						4					American Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon																1c	Peregrine Falcon
Blue Grouse						7											Blue Grouse
Northern Bobwhite									1h								Northern Bobwhite
Virginia Rail	1h																Virginia Rail
Sora	1																Sora
American Coot	1														1		American Coot
Black-bellied Plover				1													Black-bellied Plover
Killdeer	21a1i	2	3	66	2	6			1								Killdeer
Lesser Yellowlegs	1			2													Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper	3			2													Solitary Sandpiper
Spotted Sandpiper	9	4		3		4							1				Spotted Sandpiper
Long-billed Curlew				6													Long-billed Curlew
Western Sandpiper	2					1											Western Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper	3					3											Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper	26			75		3											Baird's Sandpiper
Ring-billed Gull	22	35		200	2	4			14								Ring-billed Gull

	7/24	6	7	13	14	18-21	20	21	27	28	2	9	16	23	30	
	CCK	CSR	PCK	BAR	BCK	WMT	BRR	BGG	WGB	ROX	LYO	SBR	EVR	CKP	BPK	
California Gull	38	12		80	6											California Gull
Forster's Tern	1															Forster's Tern
Black Tern						7										Black Tern
Rock Dove	2	4	6	2	4	10	4		6	10	4					Rock Dove
Band-tailed Pigeon						20	14									Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove	12	6	6	36	2	45	1		3		1					Mourning Dove
Flammulated Owl						2+4h										Flammulated Owl
Great Horned Owl	1			2		2										Great Horned Owl
Unidentified owl						1										Unidentified owl
Northern Saw-Whet Owl						1+3h										Northern Saw-Whet Owl
Common Nighthawk												1				Common Nighthawk
Black Swift												1				Black Swift
White-throated Swift										15	2					White-throated Swift
Calliope Hummingbird											4					Calliope Hummingbird
Brd.-tailed Hummingbird	2	5	11	7	4	22	10	17	1	4	1000	12	9	5	2	Brd.-tailed Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird			4	1		8	1				10		1			Rufous Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher		4	3		1	1	2		1			1	1			Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker						15										Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker								1				2a4i				Red-naped Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker		1f	1			1	5					1				Williamson's Sapsucker
Ladder-backed Wdpcker.						1m										Ladder-backed Wdpcker.
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	1	7	2	1			1							Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker						7										Hairy Woodpecker
Three-toed Woodpecker						3										Three-toed Woodpecker
"Red-shafted" No. Flicker	3	1	3	8	6	12	1	3	10	1	2	3	5		2	"Red-shafted" No. Flicker.
Unidentified woodpecker							1								1	Unidentified woodpecker.
Olive-sided Flycatcher																Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	3	4	1	8	3	10		1	4	1		1				Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher																Willow Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher				1												Hammond's Flycatcher
Gray Flycatcher						1					1a1i		1	1	4	Gray Flycatcher
Cordilleran Flycatcher						1										Cordilleran Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> species									1							<i>Empidonax</i> species
Say's Phoebe		1								2						Say's Phoebe
Cassin's Kingbird						20										Cassin's Kingbird
Western Kingbird	6a3i	4	2	3		15										Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird	3	4		6		2										Eastern Kingbird
Tree Swallow	1					50		1			8					Tree Swallow
Violet-Green Swallow						5			1			13a12i	1			Violet-Green Swallow
N. Rough-wgd. Swallow		1			6		1			5						N. Rough-wgd. Swallow
Cliff Swallow	100a20i	1														Cliff Swallow
Barn Swallow	30a10i	15	4	110	2	25	1	1	20		10		7	1		Barn Swallow
Gray Jay								1					1	2a1i	3	Gray Jay
Steller's Jay			2		2	70	2	9			10	8	4	3	5	Steller's Jay
Blue Jay			2						4		1					Blue Jay

	7/24	6	7	13	14	18-21	20	21	27	28		2	9	16	23	30	
	CCK	CSR	PCK	BAR	BCK	WMT	BRR	BGG	WGB	ROX		LYO	SBR	EVR	CKP	BPK	
Scrub Jay			3			15				20							Scrub Jay
Pinyon Jay						51											Pinyon Jay
Clark's Nutcracker						30									8	1	Clark's Nutcracker
Black-billed Magpie	18	14	15	9	3	15	1	17	17			3	15	2	5	8	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow		1	1		2	10	6	24	1				23	5	1	2	American Crow
Common Raven			1		1	8	7	5		2					3	3	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	5	8	10	17	6	20			6	15		3				2	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee					5	70	8	5				2	7	5	8	3	Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch					3	41	7	2	2			1		4			Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch			2		2	14	1	2				2		1			White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch			1		8	8		6						15			Pygmy Nuthatch
Brown Creeper						8											Brown Creeper
Rock Wren						1		5		1							Rock Wren
Canyon Wren										1h				2			Canyon Wren
House Wren		12	3	27		40		2							1	1	House Wren
American Dipper						1	1										American Dipper
Golden-crowned Kinglet						1											Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet													5		1	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher		5	2														Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird						2											Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird			52			75	12	2						2			Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire					3	3		1						1			Townsend's Solitaire
Hermit Thrush													1	2	1		Hermit Thrush
American Robin	12a2i	25	18	8	8	33	21	4	4	4		35	5	6	1		American Robin
Gray Catbird		2				1				1							Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird		1															Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher		4				3											Sage Thrasher
American Pipit																	American Pipit
Cedar Waxwing		1				2						2	3			30	Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike						1											Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	40	90	15	40	9	80	10	12	25				5				European Starling
Solitary Vireo									3								Solitary Vireo
"Plumbeous" race		2															"Plumbeous" race
Warbling Vireo		1				4		2						1			Warbling Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler						3			1								Orange-crowned Warbler
Virginia's Warbler						1											Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler		18	3	20	3	25		2	2			1	4		1		Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler													7a6i		2		Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race																	"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race						1		4									"Audubon's" race
Townsend's Warbler				1		7									7	1	Townsend's Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler									1								Bay-breasted Warbler
Black-and-White Warbler									1								Black-and-White Warbler
American Redstart		2															American Redstart
Northern Waterthrush						1			2								Northern Waterthrush

	7/24	6	7	13	14	18-21	20	21	27	28	2	9	16	23	30	
	CCK	CSR	PCK	BAR	BCK	WMT	BRR	BGG	WGB	ROX	LYO	SBR	EVR	CKP	BPK	
MacGillivray's Warbler						7			3						1	MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat	9								3						2	Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler						13			23	1		5				Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat		3														Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager		2				20	1				5					Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak		1	5			10					2					Black-headed Grosbeak
Blue Grosbeak						3										Blue Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting		2	2	1		5	1									Lazuli Bunting
Lazuli X Indigo hybrid		1m														Lazuli X Indigo hybrid
Green-tailed Towhee					1	7		1					1			Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee		6	4	1	1	10				15	2					Rufous-sided Towhee
Canyon Towhee						6										Canyon Towhee
Cassin's Sparrow										1						Cassin's Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow													4			American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow	4	8		3	2	80	15		1				2		1	Chipping Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow		15														Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow			2			10		1					1	2		Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow	1	5	12	8		10										Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting				4												Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow	1			1		6		2								Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow	9	2					1	1	2			1	1			Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow						4										Lincoln's Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow						2										White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco											2	1		5	2	Dark-eyed Junco
"Gray-headed" race			2			65	7	2								"Gray-headed" race
Red-winged Blackbird	50	3		1		20			25			4	25			Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark	6	6	3	2		35						2	1			Western Meadowlark
Brewer's Blackbird						15			6							Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle	5	20		2	6	50			10		1					Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird	8						1						1i			Brown-headed Cowbird
"Bullock's" No. Oriole	3	2	2	15							2					"Bullock's" No. Oriole
Unidentified rosy finch															1	Unidentified rosy finch
Pine Grosbeak						4										Pine Grosbeak
Cassin's Finch						1					1				1	Cassin's Finch
House Finch	38	30	4		20	15		6	45							House Finch
Red Crossbill						45		5				1	3	12	2a1i	Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin			15		15	130	25	3			1	7	10		3	Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch		47														Lesser Goldfinch
"Green-backed" race		3														"Green-backed" race
"Black-backed" race						20		3								"Black-backed" race
American Goldfinch	20	15	2	9	2	5		1	25	12						American Goldfinch
Evening Grosbeak										5						Evening Grosbeak
House Sparrow	16		15	19	25	34			15		3					House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	53	57	40	52	39	107	31	35	45	24	31	31	33	25	25	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	683	594	245	1887	182	1691	174	156	467	137	1130	168	131	91	86	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

Abbreviations used in Table 1: a = adult, c = in flight with jesses trailing, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male

ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Great Egret 8/17 (1) Cherry Creek State Park bird observation area, Arapahoe County BoB
8/26 (2a) Union Reservoir, Weld County DB
Cattle Egret 8/2 (1) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County JTB
8/26 (13) Lower Latham Reservoir, Weld County DB
Green Heron 8/14 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo, Pueblo County BP
White-faced Ibis 8/2 (1) Pond west of Parker Regional Park, Douglas County JTB
Mississippi Kite 8/20 & 8/27 (1 young in nest) Lamar Community College, Prowers County DB
Cooper's Hawk 8/24 (1i) Parker Regional Park, Douglas County JTB
Merlin 8/30 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, PL, SF
Peregrine Falcon 8/28 (1i) Douglas County Road 3, 1 mile S of Titan Road, Douglas County BoB
Blue Grouse 8/7 (1) Near Critchell, Jefferson County AH, DH
Northern Bobwhite 8/26 (3) Below Prewitt Reservoir Dam, Logan County DB
Semipalmated Plover 8/5 (2) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County JTB
Mountain Plover 8/28 (26) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BD, BP, DJ, MJ, TB
Solitary Sandpiper 8/26 (1a) Parker Regional Park, Douglas County SC
Long-billed Curlew 8/5 (1) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County JTB
Marbled Godwit 8/10 (2) Union Reservoir, Weld County MP, SP
Ruddy Turnstone 8/23 (1j) Lake Henry, Crowley County BD, BP (F)
8/28 (2wa) Lake Henry, Crowley County BD, BP, DJ, MJ, TB (F)
8/30 (1j) Lake Henry, Crowley County BD, PL, SF (F)
Sanderling 8/26 (2) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County DB
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 8/21 Prewitt Reservoir, Logan County NE, LS
8/28 (1j) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BD, BP, DJ, MJ, TB (F)
Short-billed Dowitcher 8/7 (1a) Lake Cheraw, Otero County BP, MJ
8/30 (1j) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, PL, SF
Common Tern 8/10 (3) Union Reservoir, Weld County MP, SP
8/28 (6) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BD, BP, MJ, TB
Black Tern 8/10 (25) Union Reservoir, Weld County MP, SP
8/10 (12) Little Gaynor Lake, Boulder County MP, SP
Black-chinned Hummingbird 8/6 & 8/7 (1f) 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
8/24 through 8/29 (1ym) 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
Calliope Hummingbird thru Aug. (at least 1f every day) 4400 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton, Jefferson County TJ
8/3 (1f) Highlands Ranch residence, Douglas County BoB, LaB
8/6 (1f) Southwest end of Chatfield State Park, Jefferson County BoB
8/7 (1m, at least 1f) Trail on west side of Barr Lake, Adams County LR, MR
8/7 (2m, 1f) Walsenburg, Huerfano County BP, MJ
Rufous Hummingbird 8/3 (1) Highlands Ranch residence, Douglas County BoB, LaB
Lewis' Woodpecker 8/19 (2m, 3i) Douglas Mountain Drive, Jefferson County JTB
Red-headed Woodpecker 8/7 (1a, 1i) East Bijou Creek at Hwy 36, Arapahoe/Adams County Line JN, SC
Acorn Woodpecker 8/3 and 8/6 (1 to 2) Lake Dorothy SWA, Las Animas County BP, DJ, JK, VT (F)
8/30 (3 sightings) Lake Dorothy SWA, Las Animas County KS, SP, WF, mo (F)

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Eastern Wood-Pewee 8/28 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ
Dusky Flycatcher 8/7 (1) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson County BoB, LaB
Cordilleran Flycatcher 8/7 (1) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson County BoB, LaB
 8/21 (2) Lake Dorothy SWA, Las Animas County BoB, LaB
 8/26 (1) Below Prewitt Reservoir Dam, Logan County DB
Ash-throated Flycatcher 8/23 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BD, BP
Great Crested Flycatcher 8/23 (2) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BD, BP, MJ, TB
Cassin's Kingbird 8/12 (5) Near Bijou, Elbert County JTB
Bewick's Wren 8/12 (1) Lake Dorothy SWA, Las Animas County BoB, LaB
Eastern Bluebird 8/6 (1m, 1f, 3i) Hale Ponds SWA, Yuma County JN, SC
Phainopepla 8/19 (1m) Cucharas River, Walsenburg, Huerfano County DB
Bell's Vireo 8/28 (1) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BP, MJ, TB
Solitary Vireo "Cassin's" race (1) Rock Canyon, below Pueblo Reservoir Dam, Pueblo County BP
Northern Parula 8/11 (1m) Burnt Mill Road, 5.4 mi from I-25 near Pueblo, Pueblo County BP
Black-and-White Warbler 8/27 (1ma) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County MP, SP
 8/28 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County BoB, LaB
American Redstart 8/19 (1) Douglas Mountain Drive, Jefferson County JTB
 8/22 (1f) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP, JR, TB
 8/23 (1f) Lake Henry, Crowley County BD, BP
 8/28 (1f) Lamar Community College, Prowers County BD, BP, MJ, TB
 8/28 (1f) Hasty Campground, Bent County BP
 8/31 (2f) Valco Ponds, Pueblo, Pueblo County BP
Ovenbird 8/21 Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson County NE, LS
Northern Waterthrush 8/27 (1) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County JTB
Hepatic Tanager 8/27 (1f) Lake Dorothy SWA, Las Animas County DB
Grasshopper Sparrow 8/7 (1i) Road L, approximately 1 mi N of Hwy 36, Yuma County JN, SC
Pine Grosbeak 8/3 (1m, 1f) South side of Long Lake, Boulder County AH, DH
Red Crossbill 8/3 (2m, 1f) East end of Long Lake, Boulder County AH, DH

AH = Al Hay, BD = Bob Dickson, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, DH = Dee Hay, DJ = Dave Johnson,
 JK = Joey Kellner, JN = Jim Norton, JR = Jo Romero, JTB = Joe TenBrink, KS = Karleen Schofield, LaB = LeaAnn Brown, LR = Lee Rowe,
 LS = Larry Sanders, MJ = Mark Janos, MP = Myron Plooster, MR = Marilyn Rowe, NE = Norm Erthal, PL = Paul Lehman, SC = Sherry
 Chapman, SF = Shawneen Finnegan, SP = Suzi Plooster, TB = Toni Brevillier, TJ = Tina Jones, VT = Van Truan, WF = Warren Finch

a = adult, f = female, i = immature, j = juvenile, m = male, wa = winter plumage adult, ym = first year male

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Stephanie Sedivy	1468 E. Girard Place #723, Englewood 80110	781-7481
Candace Stuart	1250 Uinta Street, Denver 80220	393-8396
William and Nancy Urquhart	12664 West Hawaii Avenue, Lakewood 80228	988-5068
Sheryl L. Zimmerman	1481 South Garfield Street, Denver 80210	759-1836

October DFO Field Trips

October 1, Saturday. **Boulder – Dowdy Draw and area lakes.** Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Meet to carpool at 0730 at Westminster Mall Park-and-Ride at 88th Avenue and Sheridan. Meet leaders at 0815 on north side of US Dept of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (from northbound US 36, take Baseline exit and turn left, turn left again at next light, cross street at next light onto lab grounds). £

October 2, Sunday. **Adams County – Platte River.** Leader: David Laliberte (297-2504). Meet at 0730 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

October 8, Saturday. **Chatfield State Park.** Leaders: Bob and LeaAnn Brown (791-6204). Meet at 0800 at west entrance to park. ø *

October 9, Saturday. **Lower Latham and Greeley area.** Leaders: Joe Himmel (1 303 352-0288) and Marlene Eggerling (369-6134). Meet at 0700 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

October 15 and 16, Saturday and Sunday. **Pueblo.** Leader: Brandon Percival (719 547-3722).
Saturday - **Pueblo area & Pueblo Reservoir***. Meet at 0800 at K-Mart Caboose at southwest intersection of I-25 and US 50 West (Exit 101).
Sunday - **Ordway/Rocky Ford loop.** Meet at 0730 at K-Mart Caboose. Go either or both days. Motels in area: Super 8 (719 545-4104), Motel 6 (719 543-8900). Park pass required for Pueblo Reservoir (Saturday). Bring lunch for both days.

October 19, Wednesday. **Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park.** Leader: Gail Evans (758-2231). Meet at 0800 at west gate of park just east of Cherry Creek HS (east from Yosemite on Union, then south and east to the gate). ø

October 22 and 23, Saturday and Sunday. **Monte Vista NWR for Cranes.** Leader: Alan Hay (986-9786). Meet to carpool at 0700 at Park-and-Ride on west side of south Wadsworth just south of US 285 (Hampden). Register with leader in advance. Saturday – NWR Crane tour. Spend the night at Best Western Movie Manor Motor Inn (719 852-5921) west of town on US 160. Sunday – Home Lake, Alamosa NWR, Smith Reservoir SWA, Lathrop State Park.* Bring lunch for both days. Park pass required for Lathrop on Sunday.

October 29, Saturday. **Rocky Mountain Arsenal.** Leader: Ed Holub (979-2194). Participants must register with leader in advance (number of observers is limited).

October 30, Sunday. **Lakes from Wheat Ridge to Golden.** Leader: Diana Mullineaux (278-7245). Meet at 0800 at Prospect Park Lake, south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. ø

£ = Bring lunch, ø = lunch optional, * = park pass required

New Field Trip Coordinators

Ruth Breckon has retired from the Field Trip Scheduling (FTS) Committee, after seven years of volunteer service. DFO members are grateful for her generous contribution of time in not only planning monthly trips, but also serving as a trip leader. She has done an outstanding job in both areas. Thanks, Ruth, for all of the hard work. We wish you a happy retirement!

Mort Staatz, the other half of the FTS Committee, deserves a big "thank you" from the club, too. In the summer of '92, he agreed to serve on the committee, replacing **Ruth Wheeler** when she retired after many years of volunteering. So, "Ruth and Ruth" became "Ruth and Mort", and the good work continued.

When Ruth Breckon announced her wish to retire, she and Mort recommended to the DFO Board last fall that the FTS Committee be expanded to at least 3 members to ease the workload and to make volunteer positions more attractive for future members. The Board agreed and extends its thanks to Mort, who graciously volunteered to continue on the committee, and to **Marlene Eggerling** and **Jackie King**, who agreed to serve with Mort.

Each member will schedule four months of trips per year as follows:

Marlene (369-6134) - January, April, July, October
Jackie (287-1644) - February, May, August, November
Mort (279-6169) - March, June, September, December

Also, **Karleen Schofield** (936-8661) will assist the FTS Committee as needed, as well as help in recruiting new leaders and scouting new birding locations.

Please, trip leaders: If you have a favorite trip you would like to lead in the coming year, contact the appropriate scheduler as soon as possible so a date can be assigned. We want to keep "traditional" trips in the schedule and hope to add new outings for those interested in exploring unfamiliar sites.

If you wish to volunteer as a new leader, have a suggestion for a new birding area or new carpool location, or have a recommendation for a potential leader, etc., please contact any member of the FTS Committee. Your help and interest is greatly appreciated.

Denver Field Ornithologists

WIND FORCE SCALE

Adapted from Beaufort Scale

Wind Speed		Scale	Wind Effects on Land	Description
MPH	KPH			
<1	<1.6	0	Smoke rises vertically	CALM
1-3	1.6-5	1	Wind direction seen by smoke but weather vanes are still	LIGHT AIR
4-7	6-12	2	Breeze felt on face, leaves rustle, and weather vanes move	SLIGHT BREEZE
8-12	13-19	3	Leaves and small twigs in motion and light flags extended	GENTLE BREEZE
13-18	20-29	4	Dust, dry leaves and loose paper raised; small branches move	MODERATE BREEZE
19-24	30-39	5	Small trees with leaves start to sway; crested wavelets on lakes	FRESH BREEZE
25-31	40-50	6	Large branches in motion; telephone wires whistle	STRONG BREEZE
32-38	51-61	7	Whole trees in motion; walking into wind difficult	MODERATE GALE
39-46	62-74	8	Twigs break off; cars may veer on road	FRESH GALE
47-54	75-87	9	Some damage to wood fences and buildings	STRONG GALE
55-63	88-101	10	Trees uprooted; considerable damage to houses	WHOLE GALE
64-72	102-116	11	Widespread damage	NEAR HURRICANE
>73	>116	12	Extreme damage	HURRICANE FORCE

Temperature Conversion

C	F
40	104
35	95
30	86
25	77
20	68
15	59
10	50
0	32
-5	23
-10	14
-15	5
-20	-4
-25	-13
-30	-22

CLOUD COVER TERMS:

Clear: Less than 1/3 of sky cloud covered

Partly cloudy: Between 1/3 and 3/4 of sky cloud covered

Cloudy: More than 3/4 of sky cloud covered

Overcast: Sky completely covered with low clouds

To convert miles to kilometers or MPH to KPH multiply by 1.6 or 8/5



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PROGRAM: Conserving Avian/Biological Diversity
By Dr. Fritz Knopf, US Fish and Wildlife Service

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

September 1994 Field Trip Summary

September 3, Saturday (LON)
Longmont - Lyons Area, including Jimm Hamm Park, Union Reservoir, Golden Ponds. Leaders: Inez and Bill Prather. Observers: Virginia Bleck, Warren Finch, Myriam Friggens, Peggy Gouder, Dean Hill, Mona Hill, John Myers, Tim Schowalter, Mort Staatz, Joyce Takamine, Joe Ten Brink, Amy Young. (Cloudy; Wind NW 3; 15 to 25°C). 64 km by car, 4 km on foot. 0730-1710. 78 species; 1,844 individuals.

September 2 to 4, Sat. to Monday (SEC)
Southeastern Colorado, including Lake Henry, Lake Meredith, Holbrook Reservoir, Cheraw, Blue Lake, Hasty Campground, Nee No She Reservoir, Cottonwood Canyon, Carrizo Picnic Ground, Sand Creek, Picture Canyon, below Two Buttes Dam, Lamar Community College woods, and Queens Reservoir. Leader: Dan Bridges. Observers: Bob and Nancy Bierling, Bob Dickson, Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Marlene Eggerling, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Alan and Dee Hay, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Dave Johnson, Hope Leighton, Diana and Don Mullineaux, Brandon Percival, Myron and Suzi Plooster, Paul and Sue Scherner, Karleen Schofield, Margo, Traci, and Robin Shimel, Bob Spencer, Van Truan. (Clear to cloudy with hard rain on Sat afternoon; Wind SW to N, 0 to 60 kph; 10° to 35°C). 672 km by car, 5 km on foot. 26 hours birding. 141 species; 2,435 individuals.

Fall Count

September 10, Saturday (WTN)
Waterton Bridge area. Leader: Joe Roller. Observers: Gail Evans, Laura and Bob Heiserman, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Mort Staatz. (Wind S 10 to 20 mph; 58° to 90°F). 4 mi by car, 4 mi on foot. 0630-1330. 44 species; 438 individuals

September 10, Saturday (LBC)
Lower Bear Creek area, including Marston Reservoir, and Bear Creek Lake Park. Leaders: Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer. Observers: George Armbrust, Bobby Ausfahl, Bev DuGay, Marlene Eggerling, Tom and Sally Fouch, Joe and Norma Kamby, Harold and Betty Oliver, Ric Olson, Dave Quisenberry, Chuck Walters. (Mostly clear; Wind S 0 to 15 mph; 55° to 79°F). 15 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0730-1430. 74 species; 2,156 individuals.

September 10, Saturday (CSP)
Chatfield State Recreation Area. Leader: Joey Kellner. Observers: Tom Hablitzel, JB Hayes, Ed Holub, Warren Finch. (Wind S 5 to 12 mph; 63° to 92°F). 30 mi by car, 3.5 mi on foot. 0600-1750. 91 species; 1,061 individuals.

September 10, Saturday (CAS)
Castlewood Canyon State Park. Leader: Walt Hackney. Observer: Joe Ten Brink. (Clear; Wind N 5 to 20; 55° to 85°). 16.2 mi by car, 6 mi on foot. 0515-1445. 56 species; 543 individuals.

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Fall Count (Continued)

September 11, Sunday (RMA)

Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Beverly DuGay, Warren Howard, David Laliberte. (Partly cloudy; Wind S 0 to 3 mph; 55° to 89°F). 29 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0730-1500. 58 species; 1,858 individuals.

September 12, Monday (BLP)

Barr Lake Periphery. Leader: Jackie King. Observer: Virginia Bleck. (Overcast; Wind NW 1 to 3 mph; 58° to 83°F). 79 mi by car, 0.5 mi on foot. 0610-1700. 73 species; 6,568 individuals.

September 13, Tuesday (CCR)

Cherry Creek State Park. Leader: Mortimer Staatz. Observers: Bev DuGay, Marlene Eggerling, Dianne Koshak, Julie and Ron Ortis, Bob Righter, Joe Ten Brink.. (Cloudy, with sun in late morning). 10 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0630-1430. 71 species; 562 individuals.

September 17, Saturday (PRP)

Parker Regional Park, including Bar CCC Park. Leader: Sherry Chapman. Observers: Marlene Eggerling, Myriam Friggens, Pearl Jordan, Jim Norton, Karleen Schofield, Joe Ten Brink, Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. (Clear; Wind variable 0 to 7 mph; 44° to 83°F). 1.5 mi by car, 2.5 mi on foot. 0730-1300. 50 species; 533 individuals.

September 19, Sunday (EVR)

Evergreen area, from Genesee Park to Echo Lake. Leader: Dick Williams. Observers: Anne Southcott, Virginia Bleck, Ruth Bull, Bonnie Daily, Marlene Eggerling, Janet Williamson. (Sunny to partly cloudy; Wind 4 to 7 mph; Temp. in 70s). 46 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0830-1530. 37 species; 305 individuals.

September 24, Saturday (RIG)

Rigli Ranch and Adena Community. Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: George Armbrust, Marlene Eggerling, Stan and Betty Harwood, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Anton Kalous, Dave Quesenberry. (Sunny; Calm in AM, Wind NW 0 to 3 mph in PM; 40° to 70°F). 0800-1600. 39 species; 311 individuals.

September 25, Sunday (WGB)

Prospect Park. Leader: Karleen Schofield. Observers: Myriam Friggens, Jim Hansmann, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, David Quesenberry, Ira Sanders, Jim Schofield, Joe Ten Brink. (Clear, Sunny; Wind 0 to 1 mph; 45° to 75°F). 0730-1330. 38 species; 560 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

Compiled by Monna Krebs

Tuesday, 6 September (PVR)

Pine Valley Ranch Park, Jeffco Open Space.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 37 observers. (Mostly sunny; Calm; 78°F). 16 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0900–1230. 40 species; 119 individuals.

Tuesday, 13 September (KBB)

Kenosha Pass, Como, Boreas Pass, Breckenridge, Hoosier Pass, and Fairplay.
Leader: Ann Bonnell. 22 observers. (Mostly sunny; Wind SW 0 to 5 mph; 65°F). 60 mi by car, 0.25 mi on foot. 0830–1230. 20 species; 253 individuals.

Tuesday, 20 September (KEN)

Kenosha Pass — East Side. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 15 observers. (Partly cloudy, light rain; Calm; 45°F). 1.5 mi on foot. 1000–2330. 23 species; 103 individuals.

Tuesday, 27 September (WRG)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Else Van Erp. 31 observers. (Sunny; Calm; 55° to 78°F). 3 mi on foot. 0830–1200. 42 species; 550 individuals.

Independent Trip

Saturday, 24 September (BON)

Bonny Reservoir SWA, Hale Ponds, and South Republican River. Observer: Dan Bridges. (Clear; Wind N 0 to 10 kph; 7° to 22°C). 40 km by car, 8 km on foot. 0600–1600. 62 species; 734 individuals.

September Highlights.....

The Fall Count (shown as Table 1) this year was a great success, with 43 observers seeing 161 species and 13,186 individuals on 7 field trips. In addition, the regular DFO field trips were quite productive. Along with the Tuesday birders and one independent trip, 66 additional species were reported (shown on Table 2).

The Additional Reports were also extensive, adding 39 otherwise unreported species, for a total of 266 species reported to the Editor for the month of September, 1994 (plus 4 from July).

Highlights of the trip led by Sherry Chapman to the Parker Regional Park included a Great Horned Owl with a freshly captured snake. The group got great views for several seconds as the owl was in a dry creek bed, until it flew into a nearby tree.

Dept. of Wildlife Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities with the Colorado Division of Wildlife this fall include goose collar observation at reservoirs on the eastern plains and staffing the Georgetown Watchable Wildlife site along I-70.

The goose collar observation project starts November 1. 10 volunteers are asked to give 10 hours per month to observe geese at congregation sites, record collar numbers and report the information. Contact Lisa Evans (303 484-2836) and refer to project #2-060.

Volunteers are also needed at the Georgetown Wildlife site to answer visitor questions and assist viewers in viewing the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the area. Staffing is needed from November 1, 1994, to March, 1995. Work weekends and holidays at least 4 hours per month and help with one day trapping in January. Training is provided and required. Contact Karen Hardesty (303 291-7291) and refer to Project #1-065.

For a catalog of DoW Volunteer Projects and/or a volunteer application, write:

Volunteer Program,
Colorado Division of Wildlife
6060 Broadway,
Denver, CO 80216-1000

Or telephone 303 291-7302 or 303 291-7252

Editor's Corner

Responses to last month's question included a little of everything. Most respondents use some form of written records, usually in the form of a small field notebook or in their field guide margins, and most then re-copy the information into a more permanent record. While some members use computers, most respondents do not, and do not plan to in the near future. Lists of all kinds are kept, with most people at least keeping track of first sightings. State and year lists are popular also.

The subject this month is:

Where is your favorite Colorado birdwatching spot (that you care to share with the rest of us, anyway)? Do DFO members go west to watch birds, or are the best spots mostly east of Denver? When you refer to your favorite spot, is it because of the variety of birds, the beauty of the area, the proximity to your home, or something else? Please call and leave me a message at 273-9230, or drop me a postcard.

Table 1

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Abbreviations used in Table 1: a = adult, f = female, h = heard only, i = immature, m = male

	10	10	10	10	11	12	13	TOTAL	
	WTN	LBC	CSP	CAS	RMA	BLP	CCR	COUNT	
Common Loon		3						3	Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	1	15			4	1	2	23	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe		3			1			4	Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe						2		2	Eared Grebe
Western Grebe			2			3		5	Western Grebe
American White Pelican						50		50	American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	12	39	18		2	12	35	118	Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron		5	8		1	6	15	35	Great Blue Heron
Great Egret			1					1	Great Egret
Snowy Egret			1					1	Snowy Egret
Black-crowned Night-Heron		1i	2		1		3	7	Black-crowned Night-Heron
White-faced Ibis			1					1	White-faced Ibis
Canada Goose	47	41	155		82	285	1	611	Canada Goose
Wood Duck			1m					1	Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal		9	22		10	70	20	131	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	3	134	18	6	55	175	70	461	Mallard
Northern Pintail		2	1			10		13	Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal						50		50	Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal						25		25	Cinnamon Teal
"Blue-winged Teal" species			17					17	"Blue-winged Teal" species
Northern Shoveler		10	3		2	6	10	31	Northern Shoveler
Gadwall		27	3		9	10		49	Gadwall
American Wigeon		5			4	10	2	21	American Wigeon
Redhead		77					1	78	Redhead
Ring-necked Duck		3						3	Ring-necked Duck
Common Merganser		1i	13				1	15	Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck						8		8	Ruddy Duck
Turkey Vulture		2	1	14	21			38	Turkey Vulture
Osprey		1	1		1		2	5	Osprey
Northern Harrier			1	1		4	1	7	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	2	1				4	Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk		5		1		1		7	Cooper's Hawk
Swainson's Hawk		6	1	3		12		22	Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk				1		7	1	9	Red-tailed Hawk
Western races		13	4		12			29	Western races
Ferruginous Hawk				1	8	2		11	Ferruginous Hawk
Golden Eagle		1	1		1			3	Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	1	13	1	2	1	10		28	American Kestrel
Merlin						1		1	Merlin
Peregrine Falcon		1i						1	Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon			1	1				2	Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant					7			7	Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail		2	3				1	6	Virginia Rail
Sora		2h	3				1	6	Sora
American Coot		162	2		5	22	40	231	American Coot
Killdeer	3	31	76	1	9	57	35	212	Killdeer
American Avocet							5	5	American Avocet
Greater Yellowlegs						2		2	Greater Yellowlegs
Lesser Yellowlegs			1		9	240		250	Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper			2			1	1	4	Solitary Sandpiper
Willet						2		2	Willet
Spotted Sandpiper		7	1				2	10	Spotted Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper							1	1	Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper			1			3		4	Western Sandpiper

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	10	10	10	10	11	12	13	TOTAL	
	WTN	LBC	CSP	CAS	RMA	BLP	CCR	COUNT	
Least Sandpiper			4			5	1	10	Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper						1	1	2	Baird's Sandpiper
Short-billed Dowitcher							1	1	Short-billed Dowitcher
Long-billed Dowitcher						11		11	Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe						2	7	9	Common Snipe
Wilson's Phalarope			2					2	Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull		21						21	Franklin's Gull
Bonaparte's Gull						10		10	Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	10	70	55			85	7	227	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull		26	7				7	40	California Gull
<i>Larus</i> species							70	70	<i>Larus</i> species
Common Tern						1	1	2	Common Tern
Forster's Tern							1	1	Forster's Tern
Rock Dove	15	88	20	16	8	35	1	183	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove	1	39	30	10	80	45	7	212	Mourning Dove
Great Horned Owl		2	3	5	2	1	2	15	Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl					3	9		12	Burrowing Owl
Long-eared Owl					1			1	Long-eared Owl
Common Nighthawk		2				1		3	Common Nighthawk
Common Poorwill				4h				4	Common Poorwill
Broad-tailed Hummingbird			3					3	Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Unidentified hummingbird	1							1	Unidentified hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	8	7	5		5	2	5	32	Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker				1				1	Lewis' Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker	2			2	1	1		6	Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race		16						16	"Batchelder's" race
Eastern races			5					5	Eastern races
Hairy Woodpecker					1			1	Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker				6				6	Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	6	61	17		13	3	10	110	"Red-shafted" race
Olive-sided Flycatcher		1	1					2	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	2	1	5	4	1		1	14	Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher							1	1	Willow Flycatcher
<i>Empidonax</i> species				1	1	1		3	<i>Empidonax</i> species
Say's Phoebe			1	2				3	Say's Phoebe
Western Kingbird	8	3	4	1	13	12	7	48	Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird		1						1	Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark			1			40		41	Horned Lark
Tree Swallow	40						1	41	Tree Swallow
Barn Swallow	12	50	130	1	44	180	30	447	Barn Swallow
Steller's Jay				11				11	Steller's Jay
Blue Jay	3	34	2		1	1		41	Blue Jay
Scrub Jay	6		1	20				27	Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	14	65	49	13	92	48	30	311	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	8	4	66	2	1			81	American Crow
Common Raven		2						2	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	11	48	33	26	16	2	5	141	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee				14				14	Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch		3		3			1	7	Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch			1	4				5	White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch				4				4	Pygmy Nuthatch
Rock Wren		6	2	1	3	2	1	15	Rock Wren
Canyon Wren				1h				1	Canyon Wren
House Wren	1		12	4	1		3	21	House Wren

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	10	10	10	10	11	12	13	TOTAL	
	WTN	LBC	CSP	CAS	RMA	BLP	CCR	COUNT	
Marsh Wren			1			1	1	3	Marsh Wren
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1			1		1		3	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher	6		2	3			1	12	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Western Bluebird				26				26	Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird				14				14	Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire				4			1	5	Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin	4	102	19	63	4	12	6	210	American Robin
Gray Catbird	2		9	1			1	13	Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird					2			2	Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher			3	1		1		5	Sage Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing	3		1					4	Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike			2			1		3	Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	40	270	18	20	825	3560		4733	European Starling
Solitary Vireo			3					3	Solitary Vireo
Warbling Vireo			4				1	5	Warbling Vireo
Orange-crowned Warbler			2				3	5	Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow Warbler	1	10	1					12	Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler							2	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Townsend's Warbler					4			4	Townsend's Warbler
American Redstart	1		3					4	American Redstart
MacGillivray's Warbler	1		2					3	MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat			9			4	2	15	Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler	11	13	46	16	16	9	16	127	Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat			1					1	Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager		6						6	Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak					1			1	Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting	1		1					2	Lazuli Bunting
Green-tailed Towhee	5	1	5				1	12	Green-tailed Towhee
Rufous-sided Towhee	15	2	26	26			1	70	Rufous-sided Towhee
Chipping Sparrow	2	50	4	21	2	8	8	95	Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow		2						2	Clay-colored Sparrow
Brewer's Sparrow			2	4				6	Brewer's Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow		3	5	39	37	65	8	157	Vesper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow	3	1	4	3	28	8	6	53	Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting		3	1f	2	5	3	1	15	Lark Bunting
Savannah Sparrow		42					4	46	Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow	1	4	11	3	2	3	1	25	Song Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow							1	1	White-crowned Sparrow
"Gambel's" race	1		1i					2	"Gambel's" race
Red-winged Blackbird	102	30	1		6	875	25	1039	Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark		12	13	15	130	19	1	190	Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird			1m		1	250		252	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird		62			2	10	9	83	Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle		179	1		4	2	1	187	Common Grackle
Northern Oriole		1f						1	Northern Oriole
House Finch	1	119	9	16	150	35	4	334	House Finch
Pine Siskin				18				18	Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch				50				50	Lesser Goldfinch
"Green-backed" race	3		7					10	"Green-backed" race
"Black-backed" race			2					2	"Black-backed" race
American Goldfinch	17	2	14	9	7	1	4	54	American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	2	70			100	115	2	289	House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	44	74	91	56	58	73	71	161	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	438	2156	1061	543	1858	6568	562	13186	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

	3	3-5	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27	24
	LON	SEC	PRP	EVR	RIG	WGB	PVR	KBB	KEN	WRG	BON
Pied-billed Grebe	13	3	2			2				8	
Eared Grebe	2	3	2								
Western Grebe	250	10									
Clark's Grebe		30									
American White Pelican	20	40									
Double-crstd. Cormorant	18	5				22				13	
Great Blue Heron	14	20					1				5
Great Egret	6	1									8
Snowy Egret	1	7									
Reddish Egret		1i									
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1	1									
Canada Goose	150	1				105				182	
Wood Duck										1f	
Mallard	40	50	29	8		52	2		5	40	2
Northern Pintail			1								5
Blue-winged Teal		30							3	6	1
Cinnamon Teal		1									
Northern Shoveler	1	40	5			11				8	
Gadwall		50				16			2	12	
American Wigeon			1			35				20	15
Redhead										2	
Ring-necked Duck									1	10	
Lesser Scaup			1								
Unidentified duck		300									
Turkey Vulture	4	12		3			2		2		22
Osprey			1			1	1				3
Mississippi Kite		3a, 1i									
Northern Harrier		4			3						2
Sharp-shinned Hawk		1	1			1-2					2
Cooper's Hawk			1								
Northern Goshawk							1				
<i>Accipiter</i> species								1			
Swainson's Hawk	1	40	1								
Red-tailed Hawk				3			1	5	6		
Western races	3	3			3						2i

	3	3-5	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27	24	
	LON	SEC	PRP	EVR	RIG	WGB	PVR	KBB	KEN	WRG	BON	
Ferruginous Hawk <i>Buteo</i> species Golden Eagle American Kestrel Prairie Falcon		1 1 25 3	2		1		1i	2		1		Ferruginous Hawk <i>Buteo</i> species Golden Eagle American Kestrel Prairie Falcon
Ring-necked Pheasant Wild Turkey Northern Bobwhite Scaled Quail Virginia Rail		13 20			1						2 1 4h	Ring-necked Pheasant Wild Turkey Northern Bobwhite Scaled Quail Virginia Rail
Sora American Coot Snowy Plover Semipalmated Plover Piping Plover		50 2 10 1i	1			2		3	2	1h 2		Sora American Coot Snowy Plover Semipalmated Plover Piping Plover
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Solitary Sandpiper Willet Spotted Sandpiper Marbled Godwit Ruddy Turnstone		2 1 16 1i								1	1	Solitary Sandpiper Willet Spotted Sandpiper Marbled Godwit Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot Sanderling Semipalmated Sandpiper Western Sandpiper Least Sandpiper	2	1 2 30 20 3										Red Knot Sanderling Semipalmated Sandpiper Western Sandpiper Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper Pectoral Sandpiper Stilt Sandpiper Wilson's Phalarope Red-necked Phalarope	26 2 2 2	40 10 20 100 2	2 1									Baird's Sandpiper Pectoral Sandpiper Stilt Sandpiper Wilson's Phalarope Red-necked Phalarope

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	LON	SEC	PRP	EVR	RIG	WGB	PVR	KBB	KEN	WRG	BON	
Franklin's Gull	500	50									10	Franklin's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	80	20	8			55				24		Ring-billed Gull
California Gull	10	2										California Gull
Common Tern	1	2										Common Tern
Forster's Tern	6	3										Forster's Tern
Black Tern	3	6										Black Tern
Rock Dove	30	100				7				1		Rock Dove
Band-tailed Pigeon				14								Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove	20	30	14		17						8	Mourning Dove
Greater Roadrunner		3										Greater Roadrunner
Barn Owl					2							Barn Owl
Eastern Screech-Owl											2h	Eastern Screech-Owl
Western Screech-Owl		2h										Western Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl	1	2	3		3				1		3	Great Horned Owl
Burrowing Owl		12			1							Burrowing Owl
Common Nighthawk		1				1						Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift		10										Chimney Swift
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2	1					4					Broad-tailed Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher	2	3				1				3	2	Belted Kingfisher
Lewis' Woodpecker	2	15										Lewis' Woodpecker
Red-headed Woodpecker		5									1	Red-headed Woodpecker
Red-bellied Woodpecker											3	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Ladder-backed Woodpecker		3										Ladder-backed Woodpecker
Red-naped Sapsucker					1							Red-naped Sapsucker
Williamson's Sapsucker				2			1					Williamson's Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker	3	3	4	1		2	2			2	3	Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker		1					1	1			7	Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mountain" race				2								"Rocky Mountain" race
Northern Flicker							2	10	2	12		Northern Flicker
"Yellow-shafted" race		1									5	"Yellow-shafted" race
"Red-shafted" race	3	8	6	6	4	8					20	"Red-shafted" race
Unidentified woodpecker									1			Unidentified woodpecker
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	3										Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee	1	10					1					Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher		2										Willow Flycatcher

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	3	3-5	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27	24	
	LON	SEC	PRP	EVR	RIG	WGB	PVR	KBB	KEN	WRG	BON	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			2	4	1	2			1	1	6	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher		2	1								4	Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird				17				40				Eastern Bluebird
Western Bluebird				5	7							Western Bluebird
Mountain Bluebird												Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire		1		1	1		1				1	Townsend's Solitaire
Swainson's Thrush					2						2	Swainson's Thrush
American Robin	10	20	7	12	8	12	13	2	3	5	12	American Robin
Gray Catbird	1	1									1	Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird		5										Northern Mockingbird
Sage Thrasher		3			2		2					Sage Thrasher
Brown Thrasher		10			1						3	Brown Thrasher
Cedar Waxwing		6					12					Cedar Waxwing
Loggerhead Shrike		10										Loggerhead Shrike
European Starling	50	150	102		12	65			20	45	1	European Starling
Solitary Vireo	1	2		1			1					Solitary Vireo
Warbling Vireo		3				1				1		Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo		1										Red-eyed Vireo
Tennessee Warbler		1										Tennessee Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler	2	3			1	6				1	7	Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler		1										Nashville Warbler
Virginia's Warbler							5					Virginia's Warbler
Yellow Warbler		2					1					Yellow Warbler
Magnolia Warbler						1						Magnolia Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler				32		21	7	30		21		Yellow-rumped Warbler
"Myrtle" race			1									"Myrtle" race
"Audubon's" race			1		8						20	"Audubon's" race
Townsend's Warbler		3					1					Townsend's Warbler
Northern Waterthrush		2										Northern Waterthrush
MacGillivray's Warbler	3	1									1	MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat	3		1			1h				1		Common Yellowthroat
Wilson's Warbler	20	40	7	1	1	3	2		1	1	3	Wilson's Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat		1										Yellow-breasted Chat
Western Tanager						1						Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak		1a, 3i									1f	Black-headed Grosbeak

	3	3-5	17	18	24	25	6	13	20	27	24
	LON	SEC	PRP	EVR	RIG	WGB	PVR	KBB	KEN	WRG	BON
Blue Grosbeak	1	4a, 4i	3				5				8
Green-tailed Towhee							1				
Rufous-sided Towhee	4		.1		1						
Canyon Towhee		10									
Rufous-crowned Sparrow		2									
Chipping Sparrow	10	20	11	5			3				25
Clay-colored Sparrow		20									3
Brewer's Sparrow	1				30			3			20
Vesper Sparrow	1	2	6		10						5
Lark Sparrow		20	1				5				
Lark Bunting		200									
Savannah Sparrow	5		3				1				
Fox Sparrow											
Eastern (iliaca) race											1
Song Sparrow	3		1	2						6	2
Lincoln's Sparrow					1						4
White-throated Sparrow										1	1i
White-crowned Sparrow				4				7		14	15
"Gambel's" race					15						
Dark-eyed Junco				14					1		10
"Pink-sided" race					5						
"Gray-headed" race		1						5			
McCown's Longspur					25						
Chestnut-collared Longspur					1						
<i>Calcarius</i> species											2h
Red-winged Blackbird	50	80	162	2		17	1	1		5	300
Western Meadowlark	8	40	8		7						25
Yellow-headed Blackbird	20	5	1					75		10	
Brewer's Blackbird					15					17	
Common Grackle	100					37					
Northern Oriole		3i									
Cassin's Finch				1			1				
House Finch	12	5	21							8	2
Red Crossbill				2			7		4		
Pine Siskin				8			4				
Lesser Goldfinch	6	3	3								
"Green-backed" race				2							
American Goldfinch	4	3	2	3	2	3				12	20
<i>Carduelis</i> species			14								
Evening Grosbeak				6							
House Sparrow	100	20			45	12				5	3
TOTAL SPECIES	78	141	50	37	39	38	40	20	23	42	62
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1844	2435	533	305	311	560	119	253	103	550	734

ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Note: Included in this column are a few misplaced reports from earlier months that were recently re-discovered. Also included are a lot of the more common birds, so our readers could see what was banded in September, mostly at Barr Lake.

Horned Grebe 9/30 (1) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington County JoR

Neotropic Cormorant 9/11 and 9/22 (1i) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ (F)

Great Egret 9/4 (1) Chatfield State Park, Plum Creek Delta, Douglas County BoB, LaB

9/22 (1) Holbrook Reservoir, Otero County JKa, NK

Reddish Egret 9/1 through 9/25 (1i, "dark phase") Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP (F)

Cattle Egret 7/20 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County WH

Green Heron 9/12 (1a) Canon City Riverwalk, Fremont County BP, DP

White-faced Ibis 9/18 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL

Canvasback 7/9 (1) Maria Reservoir, Huerfano County JK, SS, WH

Osprey 9/10 (1) Lake John, Jackson County DB

9/19 (3) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County JKa, NK

9/21 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL

9/22 (3) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano County BJ, TL

9/22 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County JKa, NK

9/23 (2) John Martin Dam, Bent County JKa, NK

Broad-winged Hawk 9/4 (1) Chatfield SP, in flight above Plum Ck Delta, Douglas County BoB, LaB

9/9 (1a) 31st and Hwy 24, Colorado Springs, El Paso County RB

9/21 (1a) Building 9300, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB

9/23 (1i, light morph) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County JH, KS

Merlin 9/13 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, LN

9/22 (1) Lathrop State Park, Huerfano County TL

9/24 (1) Jimm Hamm Nature Preserve, Boulder County MP, SP

Peregrine Falcon 7/9 (1a) Nee Shah Reservoir, Kiowa County JK, SS, WH

7/16 (1a) Near Redvale, Montrose County CW, JK, WH

9/6 (1) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BD, BP

9/17 (1i) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL

Blue Grouse 9/1 (1) Near Bailey, Park County DR

Scaled Quail 9/26 (6) Picture Canyon, Baca County JKa, NK

Black-bellied Plover 9/4 (1, breeding plumage) Queens Reservoir, Kiowa County GE, HF, KS, ME

American Golden-Plover 9/26 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL

9/30 (3) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County JoR

Semipalmated Plover 9/25 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL

9/27 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL

Mountain Plover 9/5 (1) East of Roggen from I-76 on RR tracks, Weld County LaB

Long-billed Curlew 7/9 (83) Nee Shah Reservoir, Kiowa County JK, SS, WH

9/2 (11) Biernacki Camp, Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site (PMCS), Las Animas Co RB

Ruddy Turnstone 9/3 through 9/5 (1j) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP (F)

Red Knot 9/11 (1j) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ (F)

Sanderling 9/5 (10+) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County BJ, SB, TL

9/27 (3) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL

White-rumped Sandpiper 9/5 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County BJ, SB, TL

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Stilt Sandpiper 9/18 (2j) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
Buff-breasted Sandpiper 9/5 (2j) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County BJ, TL
 Wilson's Phalarope 9/18 (3) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Thayer's Gull 9/11 (1, first winter) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ
Caspian Tern 9/17 (1a) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 Common Tern 9/7 (1, first summer plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir SP, Arapahoe County KS
 9/9 (1a1i) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 Forster's Tern 7/20 (6) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County WH
 Black Tern 7/20 (23) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County WH
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo 9/3 (1) Lamar Community College Woods, Prowers County DJ, GE, HF, KS, ME
 9/15 (1) Bursam Camp, PMCS, Las Animas County RB
 Eastern Screech-Owl 9/15 (1h) Cimarron River, Baca County BP, CH, SP
 Burrowing Owl 7/21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County WH
 Long-eared Owl 7/18 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County WH
 9/2 (1) Bursam Camp, PMCS, Las Animas County RB
 9/7 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Short-eared Owl 9/5 (1) Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld County BJ, SB, TL
 Northern Saw-whet Owl 9/19 (1) Hwy 115 at mile 41, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB
 Black Swift 7/16 (1) 3 mi from McClure Pass, west side, Gunnison County CW, JK, WH
 Calliope Hummingbird 9/10 (1m) Green Mountain Falls, Teller County RB
 Lewis' Woodpecker 9/15 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ
Acorn Woodpecker 9/5 (1m, 1f) Lake Dorothea SWA, Las Animas County KS, ME (F)
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 9/18 (2m, 2f) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JKa, NK
 Red-naped Sapsucker 9/15 (1m) Waterton, Jefferson County JoR
 9/18 (1fib) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 9/19 (1mib) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 9/22 (1f) Turkey Creek MAPS Station, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB
 Willow Flycatcher 9/1, 9/8, 9/10 (1 banded each day) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 9/2 (2b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Least Flycatcher 9/1 and 9/17 (1 banded each day) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Hammond's Flycatcher 9/15 (1) Chatfield State Park, Douglas County JoR
 9/4, 9/8, 9/10, 9/13, 9/17 (1 banded each day) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 9/11 (2b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Dusky Flycatcher 9/6 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS, CBO Banders
 9/20 (1b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Gray Flycatcher 9/4 (1b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL (Details later)
 9/6 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS
 Cordilleran Flycatcher 9/24 (1) Chatfield State Park, near Platte R., Jefferson County BoB, LaB
 9/30 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS
Black Phoebe 7/16 (4) Upstream from Uravan Bridge, Montrose County CW, JK, WH
 Eastern Phoebe 9/1 (2) Bursam Camp, PMCS, Las Animas County RB
 9/5 (1) Roads 93 and 122, Elbert County JM, JTB
 Vermilion Flycatcher 9/22 (1m) Hasty Campground, Bent County JKa, NK
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 9/3 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County KS, ME
 Great Crested Flycatcher 9/4 (1) Lamar Community College Woods, Prowers County DJ, GE, KS
 Cassin's Kingbird 9/5 (3) Roads 93 and 122, Elbert County JM, JTB
 9/14 (15) Two Buttes SWA, Baca County BP
 9/17 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Bank Swallow 9/10 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Cliff Swallow 9/10 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Scrub Jay 9/11 (1) Pine-Fir forest, elevation 8100+ ft., above Green Mountain Falls, Teller County RB
 9/28 (1) Near intersection of Hwys 85 and 76, Adams County RB
 Red-breasted Nuthatch throughout month (1 or 2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Rock Wren throughout month (at least 8) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, CA, TL
 Bewick's Wren 9/22 (1) Rocky Ford SWA, Otero County JKa, NK

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 8/27 (1fb) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Sage Thrasher throughout (9 banded, plus at least 5 more) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Curve-billed Thrasher 9/16 (2) Biernacki Camp, PCMS, Las Animas County RB
 American Pipit 9/24 (15) Union Reservoir, Weld County MP, SP
 9/25 (14) Mount Evans, Clear Creek County DR, JoR
 Loggerhead Shrike 9/6 (1b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County CA
 White-eyed Vireo 9/20 through 30 (1a) Villa Drive, Pueblo, Pueblo County BD, BP, mo (F)
 Solitary Vireo "Cassin's" race 9/4 (1) Lamar Community College Woods, Prowers County KS
 9/15 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County KS
 9/30 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, KS, TL (F)
 Blue-winged Warbler 9/7 (1fab) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Tennessee Warbler 9/1 (1ib) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Nashville Warbler 9/4 (1) Lamar Community College Woods, Prowers County KS
 9/15 (1ib) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ
 9/15 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Adams County KS
 9/17 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County DB
 Northern Parula 7/5 (1ma) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County JB, JK
 9/22 and 9/24 (2i) Rock Canyon, below Pueblo Reservoir Dam, Pueblo County BP
 Chestnut-sided Warbler 9/8 and 9/10 (1 fall plumage) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP
 9/17 (1 fall plumage) Fountain Creek Regional Park, El Paso County BP
 9/18 (1m) Last Chance rest area, Washington County JKa, NK
 Magnolia Warbler 9/18 (1m) Bonny State Park, Foster Grove Campground, Yuma County JKa, NK
 9/29 (1f, fall plumage) Prospect Park, Jefferson County KS
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 9/17 (1f) Fountain Creek Regional Park, EL Paso County BP
 9/18 (2) Last Chance rest area, Washington County JKa, NK
 9/20 (1m) Prospect Park, Jefferson County KS (F)
 9/22 (1m) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP (F)
 9/30 (1f) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS (F)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 9/1 (1) Bursam Camp, PMCS, Las Animas County RB
 Townsend's Warbler 9/5 (approx. 10) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County BoB, LaB
 9/5 (3) Near Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co & Briggsdale, Weld Co BJ, SB, TL
 9/6 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS
 9/10, 9/11, 9/30 (2 banded each day) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 9/15 (1) Roads 104 and 69, Pawnee National Grasslands, Weld County KS
 9/20 (1) Prospect Park, Jefferson County KS
 9/28 (1) Trinidad State Park, Las Animas County JKa, NK
 Blackburnian Warbler 9/8 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County JTB (F)
 9/10 (1m) Prospect Park, Jefferson County KS (F)
 9/30 (1mib) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, KS, NG, TL
Pine Warbler 9/15 (1mi) Morgan Smith Wildlife Preserve, Adams County JTB
 Palm Warbler 9/30 (1) Crow Valley Campground, Weld County JoR
 Blackpoll Warbler 9/5 (1) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County BJ, SB, TL
 9/17 (1ib) Dowdy Draw Open Space, Boulder County SD, TL
 American Redstart 7/22 (1ms, 1f feeding i cowbird) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County JK
 9/6 (1mab) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, SB, TL
 9/8 and 9/9 (1f) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP
 9/13 (1f) Rock Canyon, Pueblo County BP
Prothonotary Warbler 9/18 (1m) Las Vegas St, Colorado Sprgs, El Paso County BD, BP, CR, JR, MJ
 Ovenbird 9/20 (1ib) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Northern Waterthrush 9/1 (1) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP
 9/12 (1) Prospect Park, Jefferson County KS
 MacGillivray's Warbler 9/15 (1ib) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Yellow-breasted Chat 9/2 (1b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 9/10 (1b) Dowdy Draw Open Space, Boulder County TL

Hepatic Tanager 9/1 (1m) Spring Canyon, PMCS, Las Animas County RB
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 9/20 (1) Bonny State Park, Yuma County JKa, NK
 Rufous-sided Towhee "eastern" race 9/30 (1ma) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS (F)
 Clay-colored Sparrow 9/18 (1) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County SD
 Lark Sparrow 9/12 (2b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 White-throated Sparrow 9/30 (4) Pony Express SWA, Sedgwick County DB
 White-crowned Sparrow "Gambel's" race 9/10 (4 banded) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, LN
 White-crowned Sparrow "Mountain" race 9/18 (1 banded) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL
 Chestnut-collared Longspur 9/22 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP
 Brewer's Blackbird 9/13 (2b) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Brown-capped Rosy Finch 9/25 (6) Summit Lake, Mount Evans, Clear Creek County DR, JoR
 Purple Finch 9/17 (1mis) Dowdy Draw Open Space, Boulder County SD, TL

BD = Bob Dickson, BJ = Brian Johnson, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, CA = Chuck Aid, CH = Chris Hobbs,
 CR = Chuck Romero, CW = Chris Wood, DB = Dan Bridges, DJ = Dave Johnson, DP = David Pantle, DR = Dan Roller,
 GE = Gail Evans, HF = Howard Frisch, JB = JB Hayes, JH = Joe Himmel, JKa = Joe Kamby, JM = Jean Maguire, JoR = Joe Roller,
 JR = Jo Romero, JTB = Joe Ten Brink, KS = Karleen Schofield, LaB = LeaAnn Brown, LN = Larry Norris, MC = Mike Carter,
 ME = Marlene Eggerling, MJ = Mark Janos, MP = Myron Plooster, NG = Nelda Gamble, NK = Norma Kamby, RB = Richard Bunn,
 SB = Susan Blackshaw, SD = Sharon Dooley, SeP = Sebastian Patti, SP = Suzi Plooster, SS = Steve Stachowiak,
 TL = Tony Leukering, WH = Walt Hackney

a = adult, b = banded on the spot by CBO personnel, f = female, F = form submitted to rare bird committee, h = heard only, i = immature, j = juvenile, m = male, s = singing

Welcome to New Members

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November Field Trips

Saturday, 5 November. **Riverside Cemetery to Adams County Fairgrounds.** Leader: Jackie King (287-1644). Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History in City Park. £

Sunday, 6 November. **Boulder area.** Joint trip with Colorado Mountain Club. Leader: Karleen Schofield (936-8661). Carpool at 0745 South of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street east of the church parking lot. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of US Dept of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories (from US 36, take Baseline Road exit. Turn west on Baseline, turn left at next light - 27th Way; cross street at next light onto laboratory grounds - 325 Broadway). £

Saturday, 12 November. **Cherry Creek State Park.** Leader: Edward Schaumberg (699-1721). Meet at 0800 at west gate of park just inside the entrance. Ö *

Sunday, 13 November. **Red Rocks Park and Morrison.** Leader: Ira Sanders (278-7172). Meet at 0730 at the Park-and-Ride at Union and 6th. Ö

Saturday, 19 November. **Northeast Colorado.** Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 0630 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. £ *

Sunday, 20 November. **Wheat Ridge Greenbelt.** Leader: Ruth Breckon (455-0970). Meet at 0830 at Prospect Park Lake, south of West 44th Avenue near Robb Street. £

Saturday, 26 November. **Mount Falcon Park.** Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 0730 at the Park-and-Ride on west side of S. Wadsworth, south of US 285 (Hampden). Ö

Sunday, 27 November. **Barr Lake State Park.** Leaders: Lee and Marilyn Rowe (659-8069). Meet at 0800 at the Nature Center in the park. Ö *

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October 1994 Field Trip Summary

October 1, Saturday (BDR)

Boulder area, including Dowdy Draw, Baseline Reservoir, Walden and Sawhill Ponds. Leaders: Suzi and Myron Plooster. Observers: Gary and Kathy Hughes, Steve Litz, Tim and Vince Mitzen, Warren Roske, Betsy and Buzz Schaumberg, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer, Robert Weiner (Washington, DC), Emilie and Ralph Wiersma. (Foggy to sunny; Calm; 60 to 75°F). 18 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0845-1430. 60 species; 1,033 individuals.

October 2, Sunday (SPR)

South Platte River - Adams County. Leader: David Laliberte. Observers: Ruth Davis, Jim Hansmann, Jim Norton, Judy Ward. (Mostly clear; Wind SW 0 to 18 kph; 47° to 73°F). 52 mi by car, 3.75 mi on foot. 0800-1515. 43 species; 1,204 individuals.

October 8, Saturday (CSP)

Chatfield State Park. Leaders: Bob and LeaAnn Brown. Observers: George Armbrust, Ruth Davis, Marlene Eggerling, Myriam Friggens, Alan Hay, Dee Hay, Steve Litz, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Steven Segal. (Clear; Calm; 45° to 70°F). 14 mi by car, 5 mi on foot. 0880-1430. 53 species; 694 individuals.

October 9, Sunday (GRE)

Ireland, Lower Latham, and Jackson Reservoirs, ponds north and east of Greeley. Leaders: Joe Himmel and Marlene Eggerling. Observers:

George Armbrust, Virginia Bleck, Ferd and Jo Dirckx, Cal and Jean Frazier, Tim and Vince Mitzen, Jack, Devin, and Nathan Odom, Joe and Tom Roller. (Clear; Calm; 35° to 75°F). 140 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0800-1500. 57 species; 2,233 individuals.

October 15 & 16, Sat. & Sun. (PBO)

Pueblo area, including City Park, Valco Ponds, Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo West, Lake Henry, Adobe Creek Reservoir, Lakes Cheraw and Holbrook, then back to Pueblo. Leader: Brandon Percival. Observers: George Armbrust, Bob Bierling, Nancy Bierling, Susan Blackshaw, Marlene Eggerling, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Brian Johnson, Dave Johnson, Joanne Kyhl, Tony Leukering, Steve Litz, George McKinnon, Lynda McKinnon, David Pantle, Myron Plooster, Suzi Plooster, Karleen Schofield, Margo Shimel, Robin Shimel, Traci Shimel, David Smith, Bob Spencer. (Cloudy to sunny; Wind variable 0 to 20 mph; 40° to 76°F). 330 by car, 4 mi on foot. 20 hours birding. 105 species; 9,334 individuals.

October 19, Wednesday (CCK)

Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park. Leader: Gail Evans. Observers: Selma Berman, Bob DeBoer, Oveta DeBoer, Ferd Dirckx, Jo Dirckx, Marlene Eggerling, Howard Frisch, Tom Hablitzel, David Laliberte, Suzi Plooster, Eleanor White, Emilie Wiersma, Ralph Wiersma. (Clear; Calm; 50° to 65°F). 6.5 miles by car, 2.5 miles on foot. 0800-1440. 54 species; 894 individuals.

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October 22 & 23, Sat & Sun (SLV)
San Luis Valley area, including Buena Vista, Monte Vista NWR, Home Lake, Smith Reservoir SWA, Lathrop State Park. Leader: Alan Hay. Observers: Bob, Nancy, and Jennifer Bierling, Ruth Bull, Glenn and Jeane Hageman, Dee Hay, Phil Hayes, Jackie King, Jack and Dorothy Reddall, Mary Jane Schock, Amy Young. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind 2 to 40 mph; 24° to 62°F). 550 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 19.5 hours birding. 87 species; 20,522 individuals.

October 29, Saturday (RMA)
Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Leader: Ed Holub. Observers: Ruth Deffenbach, Jan Dominge, Warren Howard, David Laliberte, Colleen Morley, Tim and Vince Mitzen, Joyce Quigley, David and Lori Smith, Eleanor White. (Partly cloudy; Wind NW 0 to 5 mph; 31° to 59°F). 37 mi by car, 1 mi on foot. 0745-1425. 41 species; 963 individuals.

October 30, Sunday (LWG)
Lakes from Wheat Ridge to Golden. Leaders: Don and Diana Mullineaux. Observers: Phil Hayes, Marilyn Jarapko, Tony Leukering, Margo, Traci, and Robin Shimel. (Cloudy, some rain and snow; Wind 1 to 3 mph; 50°F). 10 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0800-1300. 45 species; 1,556 individuals.

Tuesday Birders

October 4 (GGC)
Golden, Crawford Gulch, and Panorama Point in Golden Gate Canyon State Park. Leader: Else Van Erp. 27 observers. 29 species; 338 individuals.

October 11 (MTF)
Mount Falcon Jeffco Open Space Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 28 observers. 18 species; 190 individuals.

October 18 (DDR)
Dowdy Draw Migration Station, Eldorado Springs. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 27 observers. 13 species; 33 individuals.

October 25 (CTQ)
Boulder - Chataqua Park and Walker Ranch, Meyers Homestead Trail, Flagstaff Mountain. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 36 observers. 27 species; 151 individuals.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

The 9 DFO trips and 4 Tuesday Birders trips reported a total of 160 species for the month of October, 1994. See the table on pages 146-149.

The DFO Board of Directors recently approved a new staff position: DFO Historian.

Warren Finch, a club member since 1969, has graciously volunteered to fill this position and create an archive for the DFO by organizing existing widespread pieces of club history. That history extends back to 1935, when the DFO was originally organized as the Colorado Bird Club. thanks, Warren, for agreeing to serve as our club Historian.

300+ birders in 1994

If you saw a lot of birds in Colorado, the US, or the world in 1994, please let **Gail Evans** know. She is putting together an article again this year profiling DFO members who had more than 300 species for the year. If you or someone you know has achieved this mark, please call Gail at 758-2231.

Editor's Corner

This month I thought I would ask which "tools" DFO members feel are most important to take in the field when birdwatching. Is there a particular field guide that you just have to have? Can you watch birds without your binoculars? Also, is there anything essential to your birdwatching that you have at home? How about it DFO members? Drop me a line or leave a message at 273-9230.

An Open Letter to DFO Members

Recently, the Colorado Bird Observatory (CBO) Board met at the offices of the CBO at Barr Lake. We are convinced that CBO must have a new "nest". Many of you have been to the office so you know the researchers are crammed into a 1967 "mobile home". It is freezing cold in the winter and unbearably hot in the summer. There are now 8 full-time employees, working on over 30 projects. Computers, printers, library, files, and a kitchenette are in only 700 square feet of space! We need your help.

CBO is the research arm of Colorado birding. It is highly respected both nationally and internationally. Currently, researchers and educational staff have to constantly reschedule their day so as to have access to a work station. This must change.

We are not considering an elaborate edifice, but an efficient, modular building that can be expanded in the future if needed. There are models that would "fit in" with the Barr Lake Visitors' Center and the personnel of State Parks are eager to share some facilities. This brings us to the capital campaign.

We hope to raise \$100,000.00 for the building, services, some new computers, furniture, and landscaping. To do this we will need to depend principally on the birding community. While the cause is paramount, we can not rely on the uncertain nature of grant money from foundations and corporation. We know you receive many requests for donations but this is a one-time plea closely connected to your pursuit. There are no "if's, and's, or but's", if we are interested in the future of birds in Colorado. We need CBO and CBO needs new quarters. Soon you will receive a brochure with more details. When you do, we ask that you make a considerable donation for this request. Thanks!

Sincerely,

CBO Board members - Jack Reddall, Bob Righter, Jan Justice-Waddington, Jay Reed, Mary Walter, Mark Sather, and Linda Vidal

DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS

Coming Soon! Field trips for "beginners". While our leaders traditionally are quite helpful answering questions and spending a little more time with participants who are perhaps less well-versed in the subtleties of field identification, some members feel that they would participate in more field trips if they were geared to a less experienced level. Our field trip coordinators, recognizing the need for special trips for those of us who aren't necessarily experts (or even very good), have once again come to the rescue. Look for the new field trips here in the near future.

Saturday, December 3. *Cherry Creek SRA.* Leader: Walt Hackney (750-2823). Meet at 0800 at west gate of park just east of Cherry Creek High School (east from Yosemite on Union then south and east to gate). Half-day trip. Lunch optional. State park pass required.

Sunday, December 4. *Northwest Denver area lakes.* Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 0830 at parking lot at northwest corner of Sloan's Lake at Sheridan Boulevard and West 32nd Avenue. Half-day trip. Lunch optional.

	1	2	8	9	15-16	19	22-23	29	30	4	11	18	25	
	BDR	SPR	CSP	GRE	PBO	CCK	SLV	RMA	LWG	GGC	MTF	DDR	CTQ	
Common Loon							3							Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	12	1	3	12	12	11	16	2	13					Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe	1		12		8	14	3		18					Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe				2	90		303		5					Eared Grebe
Western Grebe			5	6	32	35	90		1					Western Grebe
Clark's Grebe					120		3							Clark's Grebe
American White Pelican		2		81	2001		23							American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	18	23	7	27	1053	60		1						Double-crested Cormorant
American Bittern	1													American Bittern
Great Blue Heron	2		4	4	32	13	2		1					Great Blue Heron
Snowy Egret			1		4									Snowy Egret
Cattle Egret					1									Cattle Egret
Green Heron			1i											Green Heron
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1					1i								Black-crowned Night-Heron
Greater White-fronted Goose														Greater White-fronted Goose
Snow Goose														Snow Goose
White morph					7		2							White morph
Ross' Goose							1							Ross' Goose
Canada Goose	50	47	40	10	10	3	450	35	402					Canada Goose
Wood Duck					10									Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	30	13	35	202	5	34	500		3					Green-winged Teal
Mallard	25	134	12	440	40	16	3000	80	125	11				Mallard
Northern Pintail	12	3		3		1	600	10						Northern Pintail
Blue-winged Teal		1			5									Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal					1									Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler		77	8	230		4	200	8	50					Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	5	130	10		10	20	1000	200	136					Gadwall
American Wigeon	100	90	15		75	26	600	50	21	9				American Wigeon
Canvasback							200	5						Canvasback
Redhead	4		2		30	2	75	15	65					Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	150					1	400	15	250					Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup		3			2		600	1	22					Lesser Scaup
Common Goldeneye									5					Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead					2f	6	350	8	45					Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser									4					Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser	4			22	2f		4	40	10					Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck		3	20	6	76		2500		8					Ruddy Duck
Osprey					3	1								Osprey
Bald Eagle					11		1							Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier			2	5	10	2	17						1	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1	1				1				Sharp-shinned Hawk
<i>Accipiter</i> species												1		<i>Accipiter</i> species
Swainson's Hawk				2										Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk		3	4				37		1	4	1	1	1	Red-tailed Hawk
Western races	2			9	18			9						Western races

	1	2	8	9	15-16	19	22-23	29	30		4	11	18	25	
	BDR	SPR	CSP	GRE	PBO	CCK	SLV	RMA	LWG		GGC	MTF	DDR	CTQ	
"Harlan's" race "Kriger's" race Ferruginous Hawk Rough-legged Hawk Golden Eagle				1 1 2											"Harlan's" race "Kriger's" race Ferruginous Hawk Rough-legged Hawk Golden Eagle
American Kestrel Prairie Falcon <i>Falco</i> species Ring-necked Pheasant	1		1	4 2	1a		1i					2		1	American Kestrel Prairie Falcon <i>Falco</i> species Ring-necked Pheasant
Scaled Quail Virginia Rail Sora American Coot Sandhill Crane		4		70			5 1		1				2	1	Scaled Quail Virginia Rail Sora American Coot Sandhill Crane
Whooping Crane Black-bellied Plover American Golden-Plover Semipalmated Plover Killdeer		1					3h								Whooping Crane Black-bellied Plover American Golden-Plover Semipalmated Plover Killdeer
American Avocet Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Spotted Sandpiper Sanderling	10	47	250	10	150	350	4000 3600	100	45						American Avocet Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Spotted Sandpiper Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper Western Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Baird's Sandpiper Pectoral Sandpiper	30	35	8	44	60	8	3	2							Semipalmated Sandpiper Western Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Baird's Sandpiper Pectoral Sandpiper
Stilt Sandpiper <i>Calidris</i> "Peep" species Long-billed Dowitcher Common Snipe Wilson's Phalarope	6	5	9	10	20 8 2		10 1								Stilt Sandpiper <i>Calidris</i> "Peep" species Long-billed Dowitcher Common Snipe Wilson's Phalarope
Franklin's Gull Bonaparte's Gull Ring-billed Gull California Gull Herring Gull					2 60 1	1									Franklin's Gull Bonaparte's Gull Ring-billed Gull California Gull Herring Gull
Forster's Tern Rock Dove Mourning Dove Great Horned Owl Common Nighthawk	25 2	5 2	15 8	5 3	40 5 3	2 9 1	30 4	13	42 5				6		Forster's Tern Rock Dove Mourning Dove Great Horned Owl Common Nighthawk

4	11	18	25	
GGC	MTF	DDR	CTQ	
				White-throated Swift Belted Kingfisher Lewis' Woodpecker 3 Downy Woodpecker 1 Hairy Woodpecker
1		2	2	Northern Flicker "Red-shafted" race Unidentified woodpecker Horned Lark Barn Swallow
14	30 5		8	Unidentified swallow Steller's Jay Blue Jay Scrub Jay Pinyon Jay
6 5 5 2	2 11 5	3 2	3 8	Clark's Nutcracker Black-billed Magpie American Crow Chihuahuan Raven Common Raven
21	22 1 3	8	9 3 3 1	Black-capped Chickadee Mountain Chickadee Bushtit Red-breasted Nuthatch White-breasted Nuthatch
12	32 3		14	Pygmy Nuthatch Brown Creeper Rock Wren Bewick's Wren Marsh Wren
7 50	12 10	1		Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher Western Bluebird 1f Mountain Bluebird
3 63	17 1		2	Townsend's Solitaire Hermit Thrush American Robin Gray Catbird Sage Thrasher
25				Curve-billed Thrasher American Pipit Cedar Waxwing 1i Northern Shrike Loggerhead Shrike

	1	2	8	9	15-16	19	22-23	29	30
	BDR	SPR	CSP	GRE	PBO	CCK	SLV	RMA	LWG
European Starling	125	5	30	55	800	25	400	60	109
Orange-crowned Warbler	8		5		2				
Virginia's Warbler									
Yellow-rumped Warbler	30	26		9					
"Myrtle" race					50				1h
"Audubon's" race			4		75		4		
Townsend's Warbler					1				
American Redstart			2						
Common Yellowthroat	1	1				1			
Wilson's Warbler	1		1						
Rufous-sided Towhee	10		1		1				
Canyon Towhee					10				
American Tree Sparrow							2	65	2
Chipping Sparrow					400				
Clay-colored Sparrow	4								
Brewer's Sparrow		1							
<i>Spizella</i> species		6							
Vesper Sparrow	3								
Song Sparrow	2	8	4	4	5	12	3	8	
Lincoln's Sparrow			1		3		1		
White-throated Sparrow									
White-crowned Sparrow	40	9	3	8	600	9	5		4
Dark-eyed Junco					2		35		1
"Slate-colored" race								2	
"Oregon" race				12	40		17	5	
"Pink-sided" race			12		40	2		28	
"Gray-headed" race							13		
"Oregon" & "White-winged" intergrade									
Chestnut-collared Longspur					15				
Red-winged Blackbird	30	113		350	10	40	550	7	35
Western Meadowlark	2	1	3	21	40	2	2	1	
Yellow-headed Blackbird				1			13		
Brewer's Blackbird	1			200	100		7		
Great-tailed Grackle							2		
Common Grackle	8	11		6	2		2		6
Brown-headed Cowbird					5				
Cassin's Finch							3		
House Finch	6	20	12	20	20	7	12	35	26
Red Crossbill									
Pine Siskin					10	12	60	2	
American Goldfinch	1	3		3	15	10			3
Evening Grosbeak						2	15		
House Sparrow	3			30	50	30	80	12	4
TOTAL SPECIES	60	43	53	57	105	54	87	41	45
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1033	1204	694	2233	9344	894	20522	963	1556

4	11	18	25	
GGC	MTF	DDR	CTQ	
9		1	5	European Starling
1				Orange-crowned Warbler
2				Virginia's Warbler
				Yellow-rumped Warbler
				"Myrtle" race
7				"Audubon's" race
				Townsend's Warbler
				American Redstart
	1			Common Yellowthroat
				Wilson's Warbler
				Rufous-sided Towhee
				Canyon Towhee
12			7	American Tree Sparrow
			2	Chipping Sparrow
				Clay-colored Sparrow
				Brewer's Sparrow
				<i>Spizella</i> species
2				Vesper Sparrow
				Song Sparrow
				Lincoln's Sparrow
2		1		White-throated Sparrow
			13	White-crowned Sparrow
				Dark-eyed Junco
40		1		"Slate-colored" race
				"Oregon" race
6	2	1		"Pink-sided" race
		1		"Gray-headed" race
				"Oregon" & "White-winged" intergrade
				Chestnut-collared Longspur
				Red-winged Blackbird
2		1		Western Meadowlark
				Yellow-headed Blackbird
				Brewer's Blackbird
				Great-tailed Grackle
				Common Grackle
4				Brown-headed Cowbird
				Cassin's Finch
10			8	House Finch
			12	Red Crossbill
			7	Pine Siskin
	30			American Goldfinch
			30	Evening Grosbeak
				House Sparrow
29	18	13	27	TOTAL SPECIES
338	190	33	151	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1994 REPORTS

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Red-throated Loon 10/30 (1i) Lake Henry, Crowley County BD, BP, MJ (F)
Pacific Loon 10/25 to 10/31 (2w) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
10/30 (1w) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, MJ
Brown Pelican 10/30 (1a) Lake Henry, Crowley County BD, BP, MJ (F)
Neotropic Cormorant 10/30 & 11/1 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park, Arapahoe County JB, JR
American Bittern 10/1 & 10/2 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder County MP, SP
10/2 (3) Walden Wildlife Habitat, Boulder County MP, SP
Great Egret 10/2 (1) Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP, JT
10/30 (1) Lake Holbrook, Otero County BP, MJ
Tundra Swan 10/23 (2a) Huerfano Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, DS, SW
Greater White-fronted Goose 10/8 (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams County HK, TL
Black Scoter 10/26 (1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Barrow's Goldeneye 10/31 (1m, 3f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Red-breasted Merganser 10/23 (3) Jackson reservoir, Morgan County DB
10/29 (7) Chatfield State Park, Douglas County BoB
Osprey 10/12 (1) Waterton, Douglas County HK, UK
Northern Goshawk 10/18 (1a, with Band-tailed Pigeon) Deck rail at house in Green Mountain Falls,
Teller County RB
Merlin 9/24 (1) Jim Hamm Nature Preserve, Boulder County MP, SP
10/3 (1f or i) Union Reservoir, Weld County KS
10/12 (1) Waterton, Douglas County HK, UK
10/19 (1) Turkey Creek Maps Station, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB
10/27 (1f or i) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS
Blue Grouse 10/14 (3) Hay Cabin, near Critchell, Jefferson County AH
Black-bellied Plover 10/8 (6w) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ
American Golden-Plover 10/8 (1w) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ
10/8 (5w) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ
Snowy Plover 10/11 Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, MJ
Ruddy Turnstone 10/8 (1i) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County DB
unidentified Jaeger 10/1 (1 "dark phase") Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Thayer's Gull 10/23 (1, first winter plumage) Chatfield State Park, Douglas County KS
Lesser Black-backed Gull 10/29 (1, 2nd winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
Sabine's Gull 10/3 & 10/4 (1j) Arkansas River, below Pueblo Res. Dam, Pueblo County BD, BP, MJ
10/8 (1i) Jackson Reservoir, Morgan County DB
10/8 & 10/11 (1a) Lake Holbrook, Crowley County BP, MJ
10/22 (1a) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
Common Tern 10/1 (1a) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
10/8 (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Adams County HK, TL
Northern Pygmy-Owl 10/16 (1) Turkey Creek Maps Station, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB

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Short-eared Owl 10/9 (1) North side of Road 30, east of Road 59, Sedgwick County BP
 10/15 (1) Roads 30 & 59, Sedgwick County DB
 Red-bellied Woodpecker 10/25 & 10/26 (1m) Ovid Woods, Sedgwick County KS
 10/26 (1m) 1 mi. south of Ovid at South Platte River, Sedgwick County KS
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 10/11 (1am) Fort Lyon Wildlife Easement, Bent County BP, MJ
 Three-toed Woodpecker 10/15 (1m) Green Mountain Falls, Teller County RB
 Plain Titmouse 10/19 (5) Aiken Canyon, El Paso County RB
 Sprague's Pipit 10/9 (5) North of Road 30, east of Road 59, Sedgwick County BP
 10/16 (3) Roads 30 & 59, Sedgwick County DB
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 10/2 (1m) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County KS (F)
 10/5 (1m, 1f) Waterton, Douglas County HK, UK
 10/7 (1f) Chatfield State Park, Jefferson County KS (F)
 10/22 (1i) South Republican River, Yuma County DB
 Palm Warbler 10/5 (1) Waterton, Douglas County HK, UK
 10/22 (1) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
 Canada Warbler 10/6 (1f) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County JTB
 Baird's Sparrow 10/9 (2) North of Road 30, east of Road 59, Sedgwick County BP
 Swamp Sparrow 10/11 (7) John Martin Marsh, Bent County BP, MJ
 Harris' Sparrow 10/9 (1) North of Road 30, east of Road 59, Sedgwick County BP
 10/9 (1) Red Lion SWA, Sedgwick County DB
 Pine Grosbeak 10/21 (1f) Pikes Peak Highway, mile 15, Teller County RB
 Red Crossbill 10/21 (15, including family grp w/begging juvenile) Pikes Pk highway, miles 10 to 13,
 Teller County RB

AH = Alan Hay, BD = Bob Dickson, BoB = Bob Brown, BP = Brandon Percival, DB = Dan Bridges, DS = David Silverman,
 HK = Hugh Kingery, JB = JB Hayes, JR = Jack Reddall, JT = Jolan Truan (Arizona), JTB = Joe TenBrink, KS = Karleen Schofield,
 MJ = Mark Janos, MP = Myron Plooster, RB = Richard Bunn, SP = Suzi Plooster, SW = Sylvia Wheelock, TL = Tony Leukering,
 UK = Urling Kingery

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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Ruth Ann Hanlin, D.C.	10555 West Jewell Avenue #26-304, Lakewood 80232	914-9135
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Eileen M. Silverman	329 West Jamison Circle #27, Littleton 80120	730-8021

Here is a partial list of other **Christmas Bird Counts** in the state (didn't get a full listing this year):

Denver Urban Christmas Bird Count January 1, 1995

Call Hugh Kingery (333-0161) or the Denver Audubon Society (696-0877) for details

Douglas County/Roxborough State Park January 2, 1995 (Monday)

To sign up call: 973-3959 or for more information call:

Ann Bonnell at 979-6211 or Doris Cruze at 798-8072

Pueblo area Christmas Bird Counts (courtesy of Brandon Percival):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Compiler</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
December 17	Pueblo Reservoir	Mark Yaeger	719 543-2724
December 18	Penrose	Rosie Watts	719 372-6679
December 26	Westcliffe	Dave Johnson	719 545-5548
December 31	Holly	Mark Janos	719 544-5002
January 1	Pueblo	Mike Ketchen	719 545-2020
January 1	Lake Isabel	David Silverman	719 489-3565

Denver Christmas Bird Count - Saturday, December 17, 1994

Count Leader/Compiler: Dick Schottler (278-8035)
 Feeder Coordinator: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947)
 Compilation Meeting: Location to be determined; information will be provided to area leaders

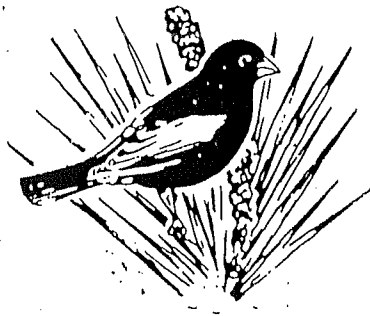
All DFO members, regardless of birding skill level, are encouraged to participate in the annual Denver Christmas Bird Count sponsored by the National Audubon Society. Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to assist in a particular area, or call Dick Schottler (278-8035) if you would like to help count in any area that needs additional observers. There are 3 areas that still have no leaders, and will not be covered unless volunteers are found to help out. If you are interested in leading one of these areas, please call Dick Schottler as soon as possible.

In order to participate in the Denver Christmas Bird Count, each observer must pay a \$5.00 fee. This fee is used to help defray the cost of publishing the results of all official Christmas Bird Counts in *National Audubon Society Field Notes*. **PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY THE \$5.00 FEE TO THEIR AREA LEADER BEFORE TAKING PART IN THE COUNT.** Checks must be payable to "**National Audubon Society Field Notes**", not to the Denver Field Ornithologists or "American Birds."

Pre-Counts: Pre-counts of areas are encouraged. Since days and times will vary for pre-counts, please contact an Area Leader if you wish to help on a pre-count in a particular area. There is no fee for participation in a pre-count.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names and telephone numbers of the Area Leaders. Contact Area Leaders for information as to meeting times and places on Count Day (December 17, 1994).

<u>AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION</u>	<u>AREA LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Red Rocks Park	Bob and Lea Ann Brown 791-6204
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer 279-4682
	Mary Jane Schock 922-3144
2A. Bear Creek Lake Park	Kathy Hawkins 757-0809
3. Bow Mar/Marston	Mort Staatz 279-6169
4A. Lower South Platte	Ed Holub 979-2194
4B. Lower South Platte	Dick Schottler 278-8035
5. Highline Ditch	Harold Oliver 936-6902
6. Plum Creek	Norm Erthal 424-6747
7A. Middle South Platte	Joey Kellner 978-1748
7B. Middle South Platte	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield State Park	Randy Lentz 680-3381
9. Upper South Platte	Joe Roller 233-4476
10. Lower Deer Creek	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Doug Ward 937-7574
12. Yegge Peak	Ann Bonnell 979-6211
13. Doublehead Mountain	
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch 233-3372
15. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson 277-9748
16. Upper Bear Creek	
17. Ken Caryl Ranch	
18. Garrison Gate	Chuck Aid 329-0082
19. Morrison/Willow Brook	Jackie King 287-1644
20. Willow Creek	Stacy Lyon 273-9230
21. Mount Lindo/Willow Springs	Karleen Schofield 936-8661



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY, EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER, AT 7:30 PM, DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, RICKETSON AUDITORIUM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 4, 1994

PROGRAM: The Birds of Venezuela
By DFO member Chris Wood

***** COLORADO RARE BIRD ALERT -- 279-3076 *****

November 1994 Field Trip Summary

November 5, Saturday (ACO)

Riverside Cemetery to Adams County Fairgrounds. Leader: Jackie King. Observers: Patty Echelmeyer, Gail Evans, Howard Frisch, Peggy Gonder, Tom Hablitzel, David Laliberte, Carolyn Raynesford (California), Chuck Walters. (Foggy to sunny; Wind S 1 to 3 mph; 40 to 54°F). 30 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0800-1500. 50 species; 1,210 individuals.

November 6, Sunday (BDR)

Boulder Area, including Baseline and Valmont Reservoirs, Sombra Pond, and Walden Ponds Wildlife Area. Leader: Karleen Schofield. Observers: Amy Cervene, Shirley Cervene, Pearl Jordan, Carolyn Ranesford (California), Steven Segal. (Sunny; Wind N 0 to 2 mph; 45° to 65°F). 24 mi by car, 3 mi on foot. 0830-1530. 50 species; 1,802 individuals.

November 12, Saturday (CCR)

Cherry Creek Reservoir. Leader: Buzz Schaumburg. Observers: Amy Cervene, Shirley Cervene, Marlene Eggerling, Gary Hughes, Kathy Hughes, Brian Hullinger, Mark Hullinger, Pearl Jordan, Charlie Kurtz, Ed Kurtz, Ann Murphy, Charlie Prien, Betsy Schaumburg, Karleen Schofield, Bob Spencer. (Clear; Calm; 43° to 64°F). 4 mi by car, 2.5 mi on foot. 0800-1200. 39 species; 865 individuals.

November 13, Sunday (MPK)

Matthews - Winters Park, Red Rocks Park, Lair O' the Bear Open Space, Morrison Park. Leader: Karleen Schofield. Observers: Mary Bell Bauer, Marlene Eggerling, Jim Fischer, Tim Mitzen, Vince Mitzen, Diana Mullineaux, Jim Norton. (Partly cloudy; Wind S 0 to 2 mph; 38° to 50°F). 35 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0800-1330. 29 species; 264 individuals.

November 19, Saturday (UGW)

Union Reservoir, Golden Ponds, Walden Ponds, and South Platte River in Denver. Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Syl Sather, Bob Spencer. (Clear; Wind E 0 to 15 mph; 13° to 34°F). 102.2 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0630-1500. 41 species; 3,592 individuals.

November 20, Sunday (WGB)

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt. Leader: Ruth Breckon. Observers: Barbara Boland, Diana Mullineaux, Karleen Schofield. (Clear; Calm, then west 20 to 25 mph; 30° to 45°F). 0 miles by car. 0830-1230. 35 species; 646 individuals.

November 26, Saturday (EVR)

Evergreen Area, including Mount Falcon & Lair O' the Bear Open Space. Leader: Bob Spencer. Observers: George Armbrust, Amy Cervene, Shirley Cervene, Marlene Eggerling, Alan and Dee Hay, Gary and Kathy Hughes, Melissa Joyce, Bob and Marty Montgomery, Buzz Schaumburg, Daren Schaumburg, Karleen Schofield. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind 0 to 35 mph; 35° to 40°F). 15 mi by car, 2 mi on foot. 0800-1500. 19 species; 137 individuals.

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The Denver Field Ornithologists was organized as the Colorado Bird Club in 1935, and membership is open to anyone interested in the birds of the Denver area in particular, and the birds of Colorado in general. The DFO presents monthly evening programs (except in the summer) and conducts about 100 field trips annually.

Regular individual or family membership is \$15.00 per year. Senior citizen (age 65 or older) is \$12.00 per year. Student (age 18 or younger) membership is \$5.00 per year. Applications for membership should be sent to the Treasurer (see address below). A membership application form is usually attached to the back of the *Lark Bunting*.

Notification of changes in name or address should be sent to the Treasurer. The *Lark Bunting* is sent by third class mail, and will not be forwarded.

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November 27, Sunday (BAR)
Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Lee and Marilyn Rowe. Observer: Jim Norton. (Partly cloudy; Wind NW 19 to 24 mph; 26° to 36°F). 3 mi on foot. 0800-1100. 30 species; 7,498 individuals.

Tuesday Birders
November 1 (BLK)
Barr Lake State Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 40 observers. 29 species; 2,643 individuals.

November 15 (CCK)
Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 16 observers. 41 species; 1,366 individuals.

November 22 (LOB)
Lair O' the Bear Jeffco Open Space Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 19 observers. 12 species; 31 individuals.

November 29 (CSP)
Charfield State Park. Leader: Ann Bonnell. 29 observers. 28 species; 1010 individuals.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The 1995 membership renewal form is included in this *Lark Bunting*. All memberships expire December 31, 1994, except those effective after October 1, 1994. In other words, all members renew at the beginning of the calendar year, not the anniversary of your membership in the club. Memberships not renewed by January 31, 1995 will be terminated. So, please remember — Renew immediately!! Thanks.

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

The 8 DFO trips and 4 Tuesday Birders trips reported a total of 100 species for the month of November, 1994, as listed in pages 157-159.

The Chipping Sparrow seen on the DFO trip to Riverside Cemetery was out of season but seen in good light in some wild plum bushes for at least five minutes.

\$15,000.00 gift to the DFO

Mary Hope Robinson, who had been a member of the DFO since 1958, died in August of 1993. \$15,000.00 of her estate has been bequeathed to the DFO. The Board of Directors voted at the October board meeting to establish an endowment fund, investing the total amount and using the resulting generated income for educational purposes.

George Armbrust (274-4264), Jackie King (287-1644), and Karleen Schofield (936-8661) have been appointed by President Joey Kellner to formulate a written proposal setting up guidelines for uses of income from this fund and to propose a name for this fund. The committee's work must be completed by March 1st.

If DFO members have suggestions for the committee, please contact any of the three listed above soon. More information will be published in a future *Lark Bunting*.

The DFO is indeed grateful to be the recipient of this generous gift.

New Species on the Colorado List

submitted by Karleen Schofield

The Colorado Field Ornithologists' Records Committee, chaired by Bill Prather, has recently added 2 new species to the CFO Official Checklist: Inca Dove and Thick-billed Kingbird. The committee rejected the female Baikal Teal, seen in the Evergreen area in December 1992 and January 1993, due to the inability to determine the bird's origin.

As a result of changes in the American Ornithological Union (AOU) and the American Birding Association (ABA) checklists, we again have three Rosy Finches: Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, Black Rosy Finch, and Brown-capped Rosy Finch. With the four additions (two new species and two more Rosy Finches), the state checklist stands at 449 species.

Other changes in the ABA checklist of interest to DFO members are: Green Heron replaces (once again) Green-backed Heron, Lesser Golden-Plover is split into Pacific Golden-Plover and American Golden-Plover, and White-tailed Kite replaces Black-shouldered Kite. These changes will be reflected in the next revised Colorado checklist. As of now, the ABA checklist contains 896 species.

DFO member J. Van Remsen has served for 9 years on the ABA Checklist Committee. He was praised for his invaluable contributions to the committee in the October 1994 issue of *Birding*, an ABA publication. Details of committee decisions can be found in that issue also.

The DFO - A Dynamic Organization

- submitted by Karleen Schofield

The DFO stands out among birding clubs throughout the country with its extensive schedule of volunteer-led field trips — 96 in 1993 and at least that many or more in previous years. Only one of those 96 trips was cancelled (due to inclement weather)! In addition, 8 bird counts were conducted for both May and September.

The 1993 Denver Christmas Bird Count was the 40th consecutive count conducted by the DFO and its predecessor, the Colorado Bird Club, in the same count circle. The DFO also held 9 monthly meetings, always including a program of interest to both members and the public.

All this activity reflects a very enthusiastic and dedicated bird club. How active is our membership? Approximately 691 individuals were listed in the 1993 membership roster or became new members in '93. Of these, 23 were from out-of-state, leaving 668 persons most likely to participate in club activities. Of this group, 299 were named in the Lark Bunting as a leader or observer on field trips and bird counts or as a program presenter at a meeting. These figures reveal an in-state member participation rate of 45%. Doesn't that seem exceptional? We all know members who are not listed as "field" participants, but who regularly attend club meetings. That brings the percentage even higher. In addition, 169 guests and other non-members took part in last year's field trips and counts.

As another year draws to a close, the DFO Board of Directors and club membership wish to extend a big thank-you to Duane Nelson, our Rare Bird Alert Coordinator, and to Kurt Hebner, *Lark Bunting* Editor, for their outstanding work in keeping DFO members and the birding community informed of new and unusual sightings, plus current data on all the old reliable species that we hope to continue to see in healthy numbers in the future. Without the interest and dedication of these two volunteers, member enthusiasm would surely sag. Thank you both!

This data collecting was inspired by my reflecting on the important role our volunteer leaders play in helping to maintain this dynamic organization. The cooperation and dedication of dozens of members, who give generously of their time and talent to lead birding trips for the club, is to be applauded. How else could so many of us learn of the joys of birding?

Ancient Murrelet
(Synthliboramphus antiquus)
in Colorado

submitted by Bob Spencer

This small seabird was found Sunday, November 13, 1994, along Tower Road in Adams County by a lady who took it to Catherine "Birdie" Hurlbutt. It was alive and swam in the tub but didn't eat.

Miss Hurlbutt called Bob Spencer on Monday morning. He called Duane Nelson and it was decided to release the bird which Catherine had correctly identified. We met Tom Parker at Cherry Creek Recreation Area where we made two attempts to release the Ancient Murrelet. It was then decided to have Tom Parker take it by the State Division of Wildlife. They gave him a list of rehabilitators. One was contacted and would take it. However, it died, and was frozen and taken Thursday by Parker to the Denver Museum of Natural History.

The Murrelet was an immature, as told by the white neck patch with heavy black marks toward the throat. It was about 10 inches with a plump body darker above than the sides, which were also dark. There was a very small amount of white above and below the eye. There was white at rear under the short tail which turned up. The legs and feet were small. I thought the wings were relatively long and narrow.

There are two accepted records from Colorado, both along the Front Range. One was reported 28 November 1957 in Lafayette, and the other 14 October 1965 at Union Reservoir. Both died and are also at the Denver Museum of Natural History.

DFO Historian's Note

The DFO has had a colorful history of birders and activities that need to be preserved. If you have records, action photos of DFO field trips, past Presidents, long-time members, etc. that you feel should be preserved, please call

Warren Finch at 233-3372 or write to him at 455 Dover Street, Lakewood, 80226.

If you want to donate them, fine; if not, copies will be made and the originals returned. Thanks!

Birders who see banded birds are encouraged to send reports of sightings to the Bird Banding Lab, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, Maryland 20708. The backlog is large, and it may take a few months, but eventually reporters should receive a letter from the Lab, providing details on the bird(s) reported.

(from the Nov/Dec Bird Watchers Digest via KS)

DFO UPPER TEXAS COAST TRIP

April 14 through 21: Frankly, the Upper Texas Coast is probably the most exciting location in North America to experience the spring migration rush. All expenses shared. Land cost for the trip should be approximately \$500.00. Maximum 8 birders. Contact Bob Righter (692-8529) for more details.

Great Sand Dunes Christmas Bird Count

This relatively new CBC will be held on January 2, 1995 (coming up very soon). If you are interested in helping out with this little-known count, contact Stuart Schneider (Park Ranger), at 719 378-2312, or Alan Versaw at 719 598-7130. The count circle includes a great deal of the mountains immediately adjacent to the park as well as the park itself. Participants, needless to say, should plan to dress warmly.

Special Field Trips for those with Special Needs

This is great!! The DFO will soon offer those with special needs a chance to participate in field trips. Most of our field trips are partially accessible to people who use wheelchairs. In addition, mobility information and assistance can be provided. An interpreter for the deaf is available on request. Special attention can be given to audio identification of birds for those who do not see well. If you or a friend would like more information or to assist in providing assistance to someone with a special need, please call Jackie King at 287-1644 (TDD/V).

Editor's Corner

This month I have run out of major questions (I'm sure that it's only temporary), so readers can send me information they think is important for good birding in Colorado, or anywhere else. Is there any place in the United States that you think birdwatchers must go? Is anyone interested in compiling a database of DFO members who have traveled throughout the country and the world, and who would be willing to share information with other members? I know that I have been several places that do not have birders' guides, and would really have appreciated some tips on where to watch birds (and where to eat, too!). Look for the summarized results of the last few months' questions in this space in January or February. Drop me a line or leave a message at 273-9230. Thanks!

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	ACO	BDR	CCR	MPK	UGW	WGB	EVR	BAR		BLK	CCK	LOB	CSP	
Common Loon		1	4								6			Common Loon
Pied-billed Grebe	2	18	4		7						6		1	Pied-billed Grebe
Horned Grebe		11	2								3			Horned Grebe
Western Grebe		41	40					1			250		8	Western Grebe
American White Pelican								3	5					American White Pelican
Double-crested Cormorant	1	7	35								10			Double-crested Cormorant
Great Blue Heron	1	6	5								2			Great Blue Heron
Snow Goose														Snow Goose
White morph					4			2						White morph
Canada Goose	63	122	20		800	300		4000	2150	150			560	Canada Goose
Wood Duck						1								Wood Duck
Green-winged Teal	35	52	80			14		16		50			2	Green-winged Teal
Mallard	25	34	30	12	600	75	23	2000	12	50		2	4	Mallard
Northern Pintail	30	27			6			500	25	3				Northern Pintail
Northern Shoveler	20	85	25		4	35		20	100	2				Northern Shoveler
Gadwall	35	53	60		35	6		500		25			10	Gadwall
American Wigeon	110	83	11		20	20		200		4			3	American Wigeon
Canvasback	2	33			8	8				4				Canvasback
Redhead	55	86	30		7	25								Redhead
Ring-necked Duck	25	127	20		22	2		50		3				Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup	55		5		28	20				4			7	Lesser Scaup
Surf Scoter			1											Surf Scoter
Common Goldeneye	30				32	8		3					13	Common Goldeneye
Bufflehead	5	18	3		24	4				4			1f	Bufflehead
Hooded Merganser	4	47				1								Hooded Merganser
Common Merganser		52			80			2		2			12	Common Merganser
Ruddy Duck	2	13	2											Ruddy Duck
Bald Eagle					1a			2a3i	2a1i				1a1i	Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier			4					2	3	1			1f	Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1										Sharp-shinned Hawk
Northern Goshawk				1										Northern Goshawk
Swainson's Hawk			1											Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk			2					2	2	1	1		5	Red-tailed Hawk
Western races	12	2			6									Western races
"Harlan's" race	1	1												"Harlan's" race
"Krider's" race	1													"Krider's" race
Ferruginous Hawk	1													Ferruginous Hawk
<i>Buteo</i> species		2												<i>Buteo</i> species
Golden Eagle				1			1	1						Golden Eagle
American Kestrel	3	2		1	10				1				1	American Kestrel

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Merlin	2													Merlin
Peregrine Falcon	3													Peregrine Falcon
Prairie Falcon		1												Prairie Falcon
<i>Falco</i> species			1											<i>Falco</i> species
Ring-necked Pheasant					2						1			Ring-necked Pheasant
Virginia Rail		4h	1								1			Virginia Rail
American Coot	4	93	250		47	18		4			400		280	American Coot
Killdeer	3	12	12											Killdeer
Greater Yellowlegs		1												Greater Yellowlegs
Long-billed Dowitcher			15											Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe	2					1								Common Snipe
Bonaparte's Gull			5								3			Bonaparte's Gull
Ring-billed Gull	180	92	150		600	17		6		75	100		9	Ring-billed Gull
California Gull		1	3		2								1	California Gull
Herring Gull		2i	5		1i									Herring Gull
<i>Larus</i> species											100			<i>Larus</i> species
Rock Dove	10	54		37	130	3				1	10		2	Rock Dove
Mourning Dove		1												Mourning Dove
Eastern Screech-Owl						1								Eastern Screech-Owl
Great Horned Owl		2									1		2	Great Horned Owl
Northern Pygmy-Owl				1										Northern Pygmy-Owl
Belted Kingfisher	5	3	1	1	5						1			Belted Kingfisher
Downy Woodpecker	1		2			2		3		1m1f			1	Downy Woodpecker
"Batchelder's" race		1			1f									"Batchelder's" race
Hairy Woodpecker														Hairy Woodpecker
"Rocky Mountain" race							4							"Rocky Mountain" race
Northern Flicker										3	5	1	2	Northern Flicker
"Red-shafted" race	12	5	4	4	9	6		2						"Red-shafted" race
Horned Lark	14										75			Horned Lark
Steller's Jay				7			2					1		Steller's Jay
Blue Jay		2			7	2								Blue Jay
Scrub Jay				10										Scrub Jay
Black-billed Magpie	45	9	4	16	16	10	9	30		25	15		25	Black-billed Magpie
American Crow	11	18		5	8		36				5	3	13	American Crow
Common Raven		1		6	1	8	2						4	Common Raven
Black-capped Chickadee	4	7	8	6	10	4	6	12		12	5	5	16	Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee							7							Mountain Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch							2							Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch							1							White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch							14							Pygmy Nuthatch

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Canyon Wren				1								1		Canyon Wren
Marsh Wren		5												Marsh Wren
American Dipper				1		1	3					2		American Dipper
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1				Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mountain Bluebird										6				Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire				29			13					1		Townsend's Solitaire
American Robin	2	12		6	42					36	1			American Robin
Gray Catbird											1			Gray Catbird
Northern Shrike	1			1										Northern Shrike
European Starling	200	500	2	1	900	25		20		70	3			European Starling
Red-eyed Vireo	1													Red-eyed Vireo
Yellow-rumped Warbler	4					2				1				Yellow-rumped Warbler
Rufous-sided Towhee						1								Rufous-sided Towhee
American Tree Sparrow	4	2	15	37	27			15		8	25		22	American Tree Sparrow
Chipping Sparrow	1													Chipping Sparrow
Song Sparrow	13	9		1	8	1	3	6		10	10	3	3	Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow				1										Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow			1											Swamp Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow				1i										Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow	7	4		1i						3				White-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco					1	2		10		8	10	10		Dark-eyed Junco
"White-winged" race				1										"White-winged" race
"Slate-colored" race	4			4										"Slate-colored" race
"Oregon" race	5			4			1							"Oregon" race
"Pink-sided" race	2			24			2							"Pink-sided" race
"Gray-headed" race				12										"Gray-headed" race
Red-winged Blackbird	20	4			1	1		60		50	10			Red-winged Blackbird
Western Meadowlark					10									Western Meadowlark
Yellow-headed Blackbird			1											Yellow-headed Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird	60									12				Brewer's Blackbird
Cassin's Finch							2							Cassin's Finch
House Finch	60	12	1	8	20	4	4	15		6	4	1		House Finch
Red Crossbill							2							Red Crossbill
American Goldfinch	2			22		3				1				American Goldfinch
House Sparrow	10	22			50	15		8		12				House Sparrow
TOTAL SPECIES	50	50	39	29	41	35	19	30		29	41	12	28	TOTAL SPECIES
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	1210	1802	865	264	3592	646	137	7498		2643	1366	31	1010	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1994 REPORTS - and some from October

Instructions for submitting "Additional reports"

1. Individual "Additional Reports" of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed unusual or rare, or augmenting the reports submitted by the leaders of scheduled DFO field trips. For a guide to the species that are of most interest, see Pages 122 through 125 of the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 28, Number 12 (September 1993).
2. The reports should be submitted in Sixth AOU Checklist order, and include the date(s) of observation, number of birds seen, sex, and plumage, if possible. Also, specific, detailed location (including county) information should be provided. A guide to preparing written documentation to support observation of extremely rare or accidental species as well as for those species that pose difficult field identification problems may be found in the *Lark Bunting*, Volume 27, Number 10 (July 1992).
3. Deadline for receipt of all additional reports is the fifth of the following month. They should be sent to the Editor.

Pacific Loon 11/1 (1a, basic plumage) Big Johnson Reservoir, El Paso County RB
11/6 (1) Hamilton Reservoir, Larimer County BF, DB
11/15 (1) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, JR, MJ
Common Loon 11/1 (7) Big Johnson Reservoir, El Paso County RB
11/15 (12) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County BoB
Tundra Swan 11/22 (2) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County NG
Ross' Goose 10/25 through 11/2 (1i) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
11/5 (6) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, JR, MJ
11/30 (6) Jumbo Reservoir, Logan County KS, ME
Greater White-fronted Goose 10/19 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County MP, SP
11/5 (9) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, JR, MJ
11/13 (6+) Calling and flying over Barr Lake, Adams County LD, TL
11/19 (2i) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County GH, JN, KH, KS
11/30 (7a) Pond NW of I-76 on Red Lion Rd, Logan County KS, ME
American Black Duck 11/9 (1f) Pueblo City Park, Pueblo County BP
Greater Scaup 11/9 (2m) Chatfield Reservoir, Jefferson County DB
Barrow's Goldeneye 11/25 (1m) South Platte River, just north of 88th Ave bridge, Adams County DL
Surf Scoter 11/5 (1im, 1f) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County DB
11/9 (1f) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP
White-winged Scoter 11/1 (1m) Big Johnson Reservoir, El Paso County RB
Red-breasted Merganser 10/30 (2f or i) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County TL
11/15 (5m) Coors' Pond, C58 and McIntyre, Jefferson County KS
11/18 (15) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County BoB
Osprey 10/19 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe County MP, SP
Northern Goshawk 11/5 (1if) Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas County TL
Merlin 11/6 (1) South Platte River, just north of 88th Ave bridge, Adams County DL
Merlin (*Richardsonii*) 11/11 (1am) Standley Lake, Jefferson County TL
11/12 (1im) Brighton, Adams County TL
11/18 (1im) Brighton, Adams County JB, TL
11/26 (2im) Near Erie, Weld County BJ, TL
Chukar 11/22 (1m) Fire road at Gale Reservoir, Fort Carson, El Paso County RB
American Golden-Plover 11/4 (2) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County BoB
11/5 (1) Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent County BP, JR, MJ
Dunlin 11/23 (1) Cherry Creek State Park, Arapahoe County BoB
Pomarine Jaeger - dark "phase" 11/5 (1i) Lake Henry, Crowley County BP, JR, MJ
Little Gull 11/7 (1i) Union reservoir, Weld County DB
11/25 through 11/30 (1, 1st winter plumage) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP (F)
Mew Gull 11/19 (1a) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo County BP, MJ
Great Black-backed Gull 11/21 (1, 3rd winter plumage) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP
Black-legged Kittiwake 11/29 (1aw) Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. BoB, KS (F), ME
Inca Dove 11/6 (1) Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca County BP, JH, JR, MJ, SS

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Northern Saw-Whet Owl 10/27 (1d) White Ranch Open Space, Jefferson County PE
 Northern Pygmy-Owl 11/26 (1) Harassing juncos at feeder, Green Mountain Falls, Teller County RB
 Short-eared Owl 11/8 (1) Field SE of Rio Grande & 21st, El Paso County RB
 Long-eared Owl 11/13 (1) South side pond at Bonny Reservoir, Yuma County DB
 Chihuahuan Raven 11/15 (5) Old Santa Fe Trail Monument, Comanche NG, Otero County RB
 Winter Wren 11/21 (1) Pueblo Nature Center, Pueblo County BP
 Varied Thrush 11/22 (1m) Boulder Street, Colorado Springs, El Paso County BP, SW (F)
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 10/31 (1m) Golden, Jefferson County GMS
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 10/19 (1b) Dowdy Draw Open Space, Boulder County TL
 Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher 10/13 (1b) Dowdy Draw Open Space, Boulder County TL
 Northern Parula 10/25 and 10/26 (1ifb) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, TL
 Black-throated Blue Warbler 10/11 (1imb) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, NG
 10/11 and 10/12 (1ifb) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, NG, TL
 Swamp Sparrow 11/5 (1) Golden Pond Park, Longmont, Boulder County BoB, LaB
 Golden-crowned Sparrow 11/19 (1a) Red Rocks Park, Jefferson County BoB
 Fox Sparrow 11/5 (1ab) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ
 Rusty Blackbird 11/19 (2) Valco Ponds, Pueblo County BP
 11/26 (1) Golden Pond Park, Longmont, Boulder County BoB, LaB
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 11/14 (1m) Near Barr Lake State Park, Adams County BJ, JB, LD, TL
 Pine Grosbeak 11/19 (5+) Near Guanella Pass, Clear Creek County BJ, JB, TL
 Red Crossbill 10/5 intermittently to 11/2 (up to 5c) Dowdy Draw Open Space, Boulder County BJ, TL
 10/24 (1c) Barr Lake State Park, Adams County TL

a= adult, b = in the hand and banded, c = calling, d = found dead, f = female, i = immature, h = heard only, m = male, w= winter plumage

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JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, January 1. *Denver Urban Christmas Count.* For more information, call Hugh Kingery (333-0161) or Harold Oliver (936-6902). Compilation and potluck supper at 5:00pm hosted by Liz and Lynn Willcockson at 2698 Niagara Street, Denver (757-7000). All DFO and DAS members are invited.

Saturday, December 7. *Valmont reservoir.* Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Joint trip with Boulder Bird Club. Bob will have access to the utility plant and grounds for closeup views of the reservoir. Carpool at 0745 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of US Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories at 325 Broadway (from US 36, take Baseline Road exit, turn west on Baseline, turn left at next light - 27th Way, cross Broadway at next light onto lab grounds). Bring lunch.

Sunday, January 8. *Ward and Peak-to-Peak Highway for Rosy Finches.* Leader: Marlene Eggerling (369-6134). Carpool at 0715 south of west 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of US Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories at 325 Broadway (from US 36, take Baseline Road exit, turn west on Baseline, turn left at next light - 27th Way, cross Broadway at next light onto lab grounds). Bring money for lunch at Jamestown Cafe.

Saturday, January 14. *Platte River and Adams County.* Leader: David Laliberte (297-2504). Meet at 0800 at east end of north parking lot of Denver Museum of Natural History at City Park. Bring lunch.

Sunday, January 15. *Fort Collins area.* Leader: David Leatherman. Environmental Learning Center, Grandview Cemetery. Carpool at 0730 at Park-and-Ride on 120th Avenue — 0.3 miles west of I-25 (Exit 223). Call Marlene Eggerling (369-6134) for information. Bring lunch.

Saturday, January 21. *Boulder area.* Leaders: Myron and Suzi Plooster (494-6708). Wild Turkey and winter mountain birds, plus a look at open water on the plains. Carpool at 0845 south of West 38th Avenue on Vance Street (one block east of Wadsworth). Park on street east of church parking lot. Meet leader at 0830 at north parking lot of US Department of Commerce, Boulder Laboratories at 325 Broadway (from US 36, take Baseline Road exit, turn west on Baseline, turn left at next light - 27th Way, cross Broadway at next light onto lab grounds). Chili and hot drinks at leaders' house for lunch. This is a full day trip until 5:00 or 5:30 in order to see turkeys at dusk. Interested participants must call leaders if going. Especially good for beginning birders.

Sunday, January 22. *Cherry Creek Reservoir State Park.* Leader: Peter Lowen (270-0076). Meet at 0830 at west gate of park just east of Cherry Creek High School (east from Yosemite on Union then south and east to gate). Half day trip. Lunch optional. Park pass required.

Saturday, January 28. *Urban South Platte River.* Leader: Kitty Albee (980-1985). Meet at 0830 on west side of King Soopers at northeast corner of South Federal and Bellevue. Half day trip. Lunch optional. Especially good for beginning birders.

Sunday, January 29. *Pueblo area.* Leader: David Silverman (719 489-3565). Olive Marsh, City Park, Pueblo Reservoir. Carpool at 0700 from northeast corner of Southmoor Park-and-Ride (from East Hampden turn south at Monaco — the second light east of I-25, go 0.3 miles to Magnolia Way). Meet leader at 0900 at K-Mart Caboose at southwest intersection of I-25 and US 50 West (Exit 101). Bring lunch. Park Pass Required.

Field Trips scheduled by:
Marlene Eggerling (369-6134).